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As our final home fixture of the season, it is a great opportunity to get behind the team and celebrate a season that has had its share of ups and downs.

Work behind the scenes for next season is already well underway, and I would like to thank everyone connected to the club — players, volunteers, supporters and sponsors — for your hard work, commitment and support throughout the season.

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CSFC History



In the summer of 1959 Cliff Phelps decided it was time football association was brought back to the town. It had been six long years since the boys of the town had donned the Blue & White of Sodbury in the Western League. After several meetings at The Bell Inn (Now Brooks Bar & Kitchen) the new club was formed. Major L.M.Harris was President, Mr. E Purbrick Chairman, Mr. C Phelps Vice Chairman, Club Captain Dennis Greenaway and Youth Captain Michael Boulton. In the initial 1959/60 season they entered a senior team into The Dursley & Wotton League and a team into the Youth Section. The following season Sodbury joined the Bristol and District League and throughout the 60's remained in Division 3.

The 1970's began with relegation, when we finished bottom of Division 3 and the slump continued in 1971/72 Season when finishing bottom of Division 4. The Mid 70's saw a few changes and the ground work of the team today. Mike Fox became player Manager and 'The Sods' began a Sunday Side. In the 1976/77 Season, Sodbury finished third in Division 5 and gained promotion. The 1978/79 Season saw us go one better and finished runners-up of Division 4. To finish the decade off and celebrate twenty years of the club's rebirth, we won the Championship of Division 3 in 1979/80.

The 1980's began were the 70's left off and a fourth place finish gave Sodbury promotion to Bristol and District Division 1. 1981/82 saw the rebirth of our Reserve side and by the end of the season, the 1st's had gained promotion to the Senior Division. From Division 5, to the Senior League in six seasons. The first season in the Senior division was mid-table finish and the end of the season saw Mike Fox's testimonial and an Ashton Gate appearance against Mangotsfield united. The following season we finished third. After finishing 15th in 1985/86 we were relegated to Division 1, where we remained until finishing runners up in 1988/89.

The 1990's kicked off with a third place finish and promotion to the Bristol Premier Combination Div 1. in 1990/91. The early 90's saw a new clubhouse and changing rooms built with Players and Committee members contributing their trades. A fourth place finish and the winning of the Premier cup in 1992/93 was the clubs best season so far. The Sods remained in Division 1 until the end of the nineties, when they were promoted to the Premier Division for the 1999/00 Season.

The 2000's and after 3 seasons in the Premier, the Sods were relegated at the end of 2001/02 season. A new manager and new era began in 2002/03. Les Underdown and his Assistant Jeff Clark both ex-players with the club took over the reins. A mid table finish in their first season, saw Les leave and left Jeff in the hot seat. The following season saw another mid-table

finish and the Reserves become Champions with the exciting players now in the squad. 2004/05 ended in a disappointing third place but the club now had a third team as well. The following season, the previous year was forgotten when the club won the Championship and promoted back to the Premier division.

A mid table finish in the Premier division and the other 2 teams both winning promotion was a good season in 2006/07. 2007/08 became the clubs most successful season, when the first's won the Championship of the Premier and the reserves Champions of Bristol & District division 1. The first season and a change of manager in the Gloucestershire county league and the team finished bottom of the league, only winning 5 games. Even though the club finished bottom, they were not relegated. Mark Stenner was appointed manager and he started the steady march up the County league.

The 2010's has produced the club's most successful time in their history. Mark Stenner had taken the team to a third place finish in the County league in 2010/11. After his departure early the following season, Scott Gibson took over. A disappointing bottom place finish was followed by two seasons of rebuilding and climbing the league. Karl Reese was appointed new manager at the beginning of 2014/15 season and in his first season had promoted the club from the County league to the dizzy heights of Western League football with a third place finish. Not a bad start for the new gaffer but with some new faces and playing great football, we went 1 better the following season and won the Western League Division 1 Championship. 2016/17 and the Western League Premier division was tough but a very creditable 13th position and competing in the F.A.Vase was our most successful season so far.

2017/18 was going to be a massive mountain to climb. Karl had left the club and also half the first team had departed to pastures new. Enter Neil Simons our new gaffer, a season in the Western league to take on with half a team and to make things a little more difficult, your first game is the clubs first ever game in the F.A.Cup. The season ended with a 13th place finish, an FA Cup victory and a quarter final place in the GFA Challenge trophy.

Early in the 2018/19 Season Neil decided to leave the club and shortly afterwards we appointed our present manager Joe White and his assistant Steve. At the end of the season under his leadership, the club had finished 10th in the Western League and had the best run in the FA cup in the clubs history. The club were successful in their appeal against the Hellenic League, sideways move by the F.A. So 2019/20 season was in the Western League Premier. The uncertainty of which League we would be playing in unsettled the players and so several departed the Club before a ball was kicked that Season. Three weeks before the season started the club also lost our Manager and his Assistant. Justin Bishop & Scott Gibson took control of the 1st team as Caretaker management and remained there until the League came to an abrupt halt. The F.A. announced on 26th March 2020 that the Step 1-7 game and all grassroots football leagues and competition under its umbrella had ended,

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as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic. All results for the season would be expunged.

The 2020's began with Jeff Roberts and his team, Drew, Sean & Nick steering the 1st Team. The season was to be curtailed due to Covid-19. The 2021/22 season looked more promising with the new FA restructuring of the leagues; the football club then began their journey together with Jeff and his team in the Hellenic League - Premier Division. With a new 1st Team manager, James Mapstone, taking over towards the end of 2022/2023 season which unfortunately ended in relegation from the Hellenic Premier Division.

The 2023/2024 in the Hellenic Division 1 season showed great promise with new players joining the squad, things were looking up for the team. Pre-season went very well winning games. The team were looking good! Football has a way of knocking you back; picked up injuries to key players and never recovered from a bad run of results. Half way through the season, players began to leave. It was at this time Kevin Ashwood (was Wicks manager) became available to join the club, working alongside James. Kevin, then brought along his assistants and an influx of players.

The team finished in the relegation zone; due to other movements within the NLS stayed up.

The 2024/25 season was in the end quite successful. The team had a new manager in Kevin Ashwood who assembled a very good crop of young but inexperienced players at this level. The team played some really good football but just couldn't get results that we probably deserved. There had been some turmoil within the management team and sadly Kevin resigned his post as manager. Jeff Roberts who had stepped in to help Kevin just before resigning took over the reins again after a two year gap. Jeff managed to pick up where Kevin left off and got results that managed to see the team climb up the table. Unfortunately, the players ran out of steam and finished 10th.

We look forward to the 2025/26 season.

For the rest of the club - The Reserves have a new manager, Tim Seymour, who is entrusted now to take the team to the Bristol Premier Combination League. The A team will have a name change to Development team with Will Theobald at the helm in Div 1 of the Bristol and District League. During this season Will stepped down due to a new job. This meant Mike Cunningham and Lee Rendle took over the role of joint managers.

If you feel you would like to join the club as a volunteer please contact the Club Secretary, Les Theobald via Info@cstfc.co.uk. The Committee have worked tirelessly over the break to update and move forward the club. We are all volunteers and always welcome more people to join this fantastic club.



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Physio: Ken Purnell



Shortwood United FC

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Shortwood United FC - Club History



125 Years of Heart and Heritage

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Foundations and Early Success

- 1900: Founded in Nailsworth, Shortwood began at Nailsworth Playing Field, later moving to Table Land and Wallow Green before finding a permanent home at Meadowbank in 1972.
- 1970s: Dominating the Stroud League, the club earned promotion to the Northern Senior League and then the Gloucestershire County League, showcasing early ambition.
- 1981–82: Entry into the Hellenic League brought a tough first-season relegation, but a runners-up finish in 1982 secured an immediate return.

1980s: A Golden Decade

- 1983: The Wood claimed the Hellenic Division One Cup and GFA Trophy, signaling their arrival as a force.
- 1984: Hellenic League champions, a pinnacle of early success.
- 1990: A historic treble—Hellenic League, GFA Trophy, and Stroud Charity Cup—cemented Shortwood's reputation.

Southern League and FA Cup Heroics

- 2007–10: A resurgence began with a 5th-place finish (2007/08) and a thrilling 2008/09 season, amassing 99 points and 99 goals, narrowly missing the title on goal difference to Hungerford.
- 2009/10, Shortwood finished runners-up again and reached the Floodlit Cup final.
- 2011/12: A landmark year—quarter-finals of the FA Vase, finals in the Hellenic Floodlit Cup and GFA Trophy, and a 2nd-place finish led to Southern League promotion.
- 2013/14: The Wood's greatest FA Cup adventure saw them defeat Conference side Aldershot in a replay after a dramatic Meadowbank draw, before facing League 1's Port Vale before a record 1,247 fans and live TV audience. A 6th-place Southern League finish capped a dream season.

Challenges and Rebuilding

- 2015/16: Stability under Alex Sykes brought a 7th-place finish, but John Evans' retirement after 20 years marked the end of an era.
- 2017/18: Financial pressures and ground grading demands and the loss of their major sponsor left the club with no choice but to resign from the Southern League, Despite FA Trophy success, heavy defeats reflected a young squad's growing pains.
- 2018/19: Relegation and a move to Hellenic Division 1 West followed, but with Jason Scrivens and Joey Tustain taking the helm and the addition of two thriving youth teams there was reason for optimism.

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Promise of light, Weight of Grief

- 2019/20: Under the guidance of the late Will Reay as Chairman, Jason and Matt Blythe took the team to 4th before COVID disrupted the season.
- 2020/21: COVID pretty much wiped this season out
- 2022/23: Ian Soule and Lewis Fogg took on the 1st team, finishing the season in 9th place. With failing health Will Reay stood down and was replaced by Simon Grant at Chairman.
- 2023/24: New management—Dan Gillespie, Matt Tunley, Andrew Moody, and Marcus Foxwell—retained captain Joe Tryner and introduced a Stroud League Reserves team.
- Will Reay sadly passed away in February 2024
- 2024/25: Marcus Foxwell and Andrew Moody led the first team to 7th in Hellenic Division 1, while Matt Fanstone's Reserves finished 6th, building a pathway for young talent.

2025/26: The Next Chapter

With a stable squad, fresh additions and a clear vision with Peter Beadle at the helm, Shortwood United is ready to climb higher. Here's to 125 years of grit, glory, and the Wood's enduring spirit—support us for the journey ahead.

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First Team Match Report

4/04/26 League v Carterton – Home – 2-3

Penultimate Home Game of the Season

Chipping Sodbury returned to the Ridings for their penultimate home fixture of the campaign, facing a Carterton side who had beaten them on the opening day. With a lively, bobbly pitch and confidence high after last week's superb away win, Sodbury came out firing and immediately took control of the game.

Their bright start was rewarded after just 12 minutes. Callum Cannings, in red-hot form, picked up the ball outside the box and unleashed a stunning strike that arrowed into the keeper's top left corner. A goal worthy of any level, and one that set the tone for a dominant opening spell.

Sodbury pressed relentlessly, and what followed was the turning point of the entire afternoon — and arguably a snapshot of the season as a whole. Cannings broke through again, one-on-one with the keeper, only for the Carterton stopper to stick out a desperate leg to block. The rebound fell perfectly to Kyle Head, who struck from close range, but the grounded keeper somehow managed to block again, diverting the ball onto the post and out for a corner. Sodbury should have been three goals to the good.

Moments later, another golden chance slipped away. A corner from the left found Toby Allsopp-Jones towering above the defence, his powerful header crashing against the crossbar. Sodbury were rampant, but the scoreline stubbornly refused to reflect it.

And as so often happens in football, missed chances came back to haunt them. On 39 minutes, Carterton capitalised on a rare spell of pressure, firing home an equaliser that rewarded their resilience in weathering Sodbury's early storm.

The second half demanded a reset, and Sodbury responded well. On 68 minutes, Tyler Dacres produced a moment of individual brilliance, weaving past three defenders before drilling a low shot into the bottom corner to restore the lead. It felt like the platform for a deserved victory.

But the lead lasted only ten minutes. Carterton struck again on 78 minutes, punishing a lapse in concentration and dragging themselves level. From there, the momentum shifted, and Sodbury found themselves hanging on for a point.

Then came the hammer blow. On 83 minutes, a Carterton midfielder unleashed a once-in-a-lifetime strike from 30 yards, the ball rocketing into the top right corner. A goal no goalkeeper stops, and one that sealed a cruel defeat for Sodbury.

First Team Match Report

The final whistle brought frustration and a familiar sense of “what might have been.” A performance full of energy, chances, and commitment — but undone by missed opportunities and two moments of brilliance from the visitors.

Next week brings the final home game of the season, a local derby against Shortwood United, and a chance to finish strongly in front of the home supporters.



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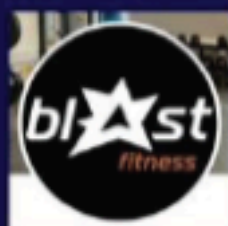
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13	 Carterton	31	10	5	16	-27	49:76	D L L W D	35	
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Champions League Quiz

(Answers on last page of programme)

Q1: What was the Champions League called before its rebranding in the 1992-1993 season?

Q2: Which club won the inaugural European Cup title in the 1955-1956 season?

Q3: Which player is the only one to have won the Champions League with three different clubs?

Q4: Which club has won the most Champions League titles in history?

Q5: Which 5 players holds the record for most Champions League titles won?

Q6: In the 1999 final, Manchester United scored two injury-time goals to defeat which team?

Q7: Which club won the 2012 Champions League final by defeating Bayern Munich on penalties at the Allianz Arena?

Q8: Who scored the winning goal for Real Madrid in the 2014 final against Atlético Madrid?

Q9: Who scored the famous bicycle kick goal in the 2018 final between Real Madrid and Liverpool?

Q10: In the "Miracle of Istanbul" 2005 final, Liverpool came back from 3-0 down at halftime to tie the match 3-3 before winning on penalties. Who were the three Liverpool goalscorers (trick question)?



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Quiz Answers: Q1: The European Cup, Q2: Real Madrid, Q3: Clarence Seedorf (with Ajax, Real Madrid, and AC Milan), Q4: Real Madrid (with 15 titles as of June 2025), Q5: Answer: Francisco Gento, Luka Modrić, Toni Kroos, Dani Carvajal, and Nacho have all won it a record six times, Q6: Bayern Munich, Q7: Chelsea, Q8: Sergio Ramos, Q9: Gareth Bale, 10. Paolo Maldini (own goal), Steven Gerrard, and Vladimír Smicer.



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