



1897 - 98 SEASON

**Chipping Sodbury Rovers
Not playing League football
Only Friendlies played.**

9th October 1897 - Friendly -
Chipping Sodbury Rovers 10 Sinwell Star 1

23rd October 1897 - Friendly -
Chipping Sodbury Rovers 4 Kingswood Utd (Bristol) 0
Bees Shapley Johnson Bennett

FREEMAN
BATES LEWIS
TANNER SAUNDERS TUCK
BOWYER JOHNSON SHAPLEY(C) BENNETT BEES

6th November 1897 - Friendly -
Horfield 3 Chipping Sodbury Rovers 2
Long Bennett

FREEMAN
LEWIS TUCK
TANNER SAUNDERS BEES
HEWETT JOHNSON LONG BENNETT CRANE

13th November 1897 - Friendly -
Winterbourne 1 Chipping Sodbury Rovers 3
Johnson Unknown x2

FREEMAN
BATES TUCK
HORDER DYER JENKINS
JOHNSON SHAPLEY DUST POPHAM UNKNOWN

20th November 1897 - Friendly -
Chipping Sodbury Rovers 1 Thornbury 2

18th December 1897 - Friendly -
Chipping Sodbury Rovers 2 Wickwar 1
J.Roe x2

B.FREEMAN
G.LEWIS G.BATES
H.TANNER H.SAUNDERS C.GREENAWAY
J.ROE W.JOHNSON A.SHAPLEY J.BENNETT R.HILL

ASSOCIATION.
Chipping Sodbury v Wickwar was played at Sodbury on Saturday. The home side lost the toss and kicked down, and within ten minutes from the start Roe scored a fine goal. Hard play ruled for some time, both goals being attacked, but both goalkeepers saved splendid shots. From a shot by Shapley, which was fisted out, Roe caught it on the bounce and added another for the home side. At half-time the score stood—Sodbury 2, Wickwar 0. Play opened fast, and

both sides were severely tested, but from a mistake of the back Wickwar put on a goal. Tanner was conspicuous for grand play throughout, and there being no further scoring Sodbury won by 2 to 1. Sodbury—Goal, B. Freeman; backs, G. Lewis, G. Bates; half-backs, H. Tanner, H. Saunders, C. Greenaway; forwards, J. Roe, W. Johnson, A. Shapley, J. Bennett, and R. Hill. Referee, Mr C. Field.



CHIPPING SODBURY TOWN
FOOTBALL CLUB
FOUNDED 1885

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15th January 1898 - Friendly -
Thornbury 0 Chipping Sodbury Rovers 1

29th January 1898 - Friendly -
Chipping Sodbury Rovers 0 Winterbourne 0

12th February 1898 - Friendly -
Wycliffe College 8 Chipping Sodbury Rovers 1

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE v. CHIPPING SODBURY.

Played on the College ground on Saturday. Mr Evans started operations for Wycliffe, and the visiting backs were called upon to defend. Play then settled in the Wycliffe half, the visitors having all their own way for about five minutes, during which time they scored their first and only goal. This reverse put Wycliffe on their mettle, and they set about getting goals in a business-like manner, which quite compassed their opponents. Mr Evans evaded the Sodbury backs, and scored the first goal for the College, and shortly afterwards, from a centre by Morgan, Marmont headed the ball into the net. Following in quick succession D. Smith scored from a corner, and Mr Evans again beat the visiting custodian. Immediately after this goal Marmont's wonderful head notched another point for Wycliffe. The Sodbury defence now made a great effort to put a stop to the scoring, and for some time they were able to do so. But one of their men wilfully handled the ball inside the twelve yards line, a penalty was awarded Wycliffe, and Mr Evans, taking the kick, banged in a shot which the goal-keeper had no possible chance of stopping. Half-time score:—

Wycliffe..... 8 goals
Sodbury..... 1 goal

On resuming, the Wycliffe XI had to face the wind which considerably hampered their play, and throughout the second half the game was more even. The Wycliffe forwards were passing nicely, especially Charles who played a very plucky game throughout. The big kicks of the visitors, backed up by the wind, gave their forwards several openings, but the opportunities were thrown away. About half-way through the second half Charles added the seventh goal, and shortly before time Mr Evans sent in another very

fast shot which secured the eighth goal for the College. Mr Cox played a very good game throughout, and Mr Evans' shooting could not have been improved upon. Final score:

Wycliffe..... 8 goals
Sodbury..... 1 goal
College team — Tillett, Charles, Mr Evans, R. Marmont, Lane, forwards; Morgan, D. Smith (capt.), and H. Smith, half-backs; Mr Cox, T. Evans, backs; Mr Thornton, goal.



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2nd April 1898 - Friendly -
Chipping Sodbury Rovers 0 Wycliffe College 4

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE V. CHIPPING SODBURY.
 These teams met at Chipping Sodbury on Saturday last, the match being the last one on the Wycliffe programme. F Morgan and Hardy Smith were absentees from the College ranks, and their places were filled by J. Lewis and Villar. The homesters won the toss and elected to play up the slope and against the wind. Mr Evans set the ball in motion, and the Collegians soon got into the home territory, where they remained practically during the whole of the first half. After a good deal of unsuccessful shooting, mainly owing to the wind and other disadvantages, Mr Evans scored with a fast shot which gave the home custodian no chance. Charles added another point, and at the interval Wycliffe were leading by 2 goals to love. Tillett had put in some good centres from the left, whilst Mr Thornton was only called upon to save twice.

On changing ends Wycliffe had to play against a strong wind, but owing to a good defence, in which D. Smith was the most prominent, they were successful in holding their own, and, by keeping the ball low, managed to force the game. D. Smith registered the third goal with a very fast shot, and Jenkins added a fourth from a chinking centre from Tillett on the left. The home team failed to break through the College defence, and the result was:—

Wycliffe College	4 goals
Chipping Sodbury	nil