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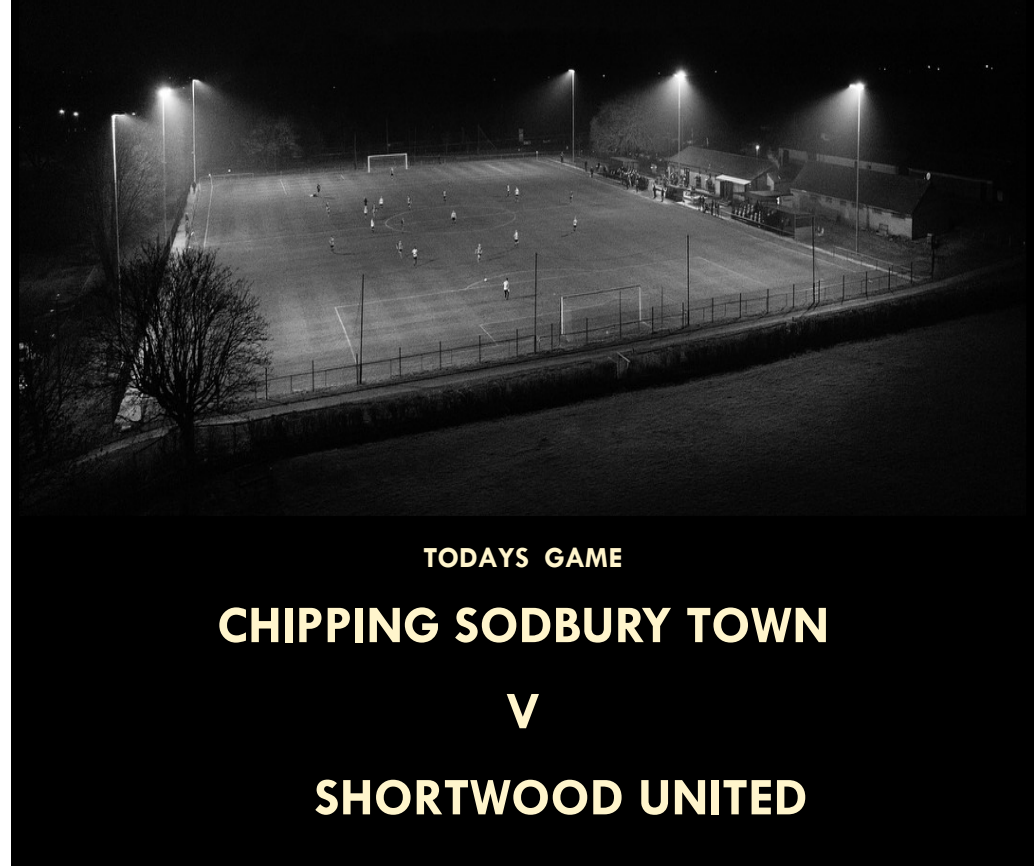
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The Sods are looking for people to join their club, if you can spare a few hours a week why not come along and help us! We are all volunteers and work behind the scenes for FREE for the lover of the game & club.

If you are interested in joining the committee or the club to volunteer please email the Clubs Secretary Les Theobald via info@csafc.co.uk. Clubs like ours need more volunteers to help with it's survival. Whilst we don't get paid we do get to watch the football for free, as well as enjoying both the half time and full time hospitality.

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SHORTWOOD UNITED

5TH SEPTEMBER 2023

7:45pm Kick Off



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From the Chairman

Firstly, I would like to welcome all players and supporters of Shortwood United here to the Ridings tonight I hope you have a pleasant evening.

Our form of late has not been great. Against Malmsbury we played well for 60 minutes and as soon as the first goal went in we seemed to give up when we were doing well in the game. If we can work hard for each other for the full 90 minutes I am sure we will get something out of the game. Shortwood will be tough opponents but if we play like we did last Tuesday for first 60 minutes then I am sure we will get something out of the game. Good luck to James and his team tonight.

Can I remind everyone to refrain from the use of abusive and offensive language towards anyone within the ground. The committee have decided to ask anyone who continually persist to use offensive language will be asked to leave the ground with immediate effect.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone on the committee who makes this club run, week in week out they give up their time for free, many of our committee members do multiple roles with out their commitment, there wouldn't be a club and there wouldn't be football at the Ridings.

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Rich Bisp

Chairman

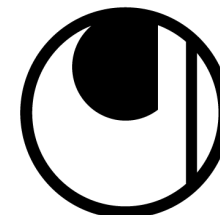
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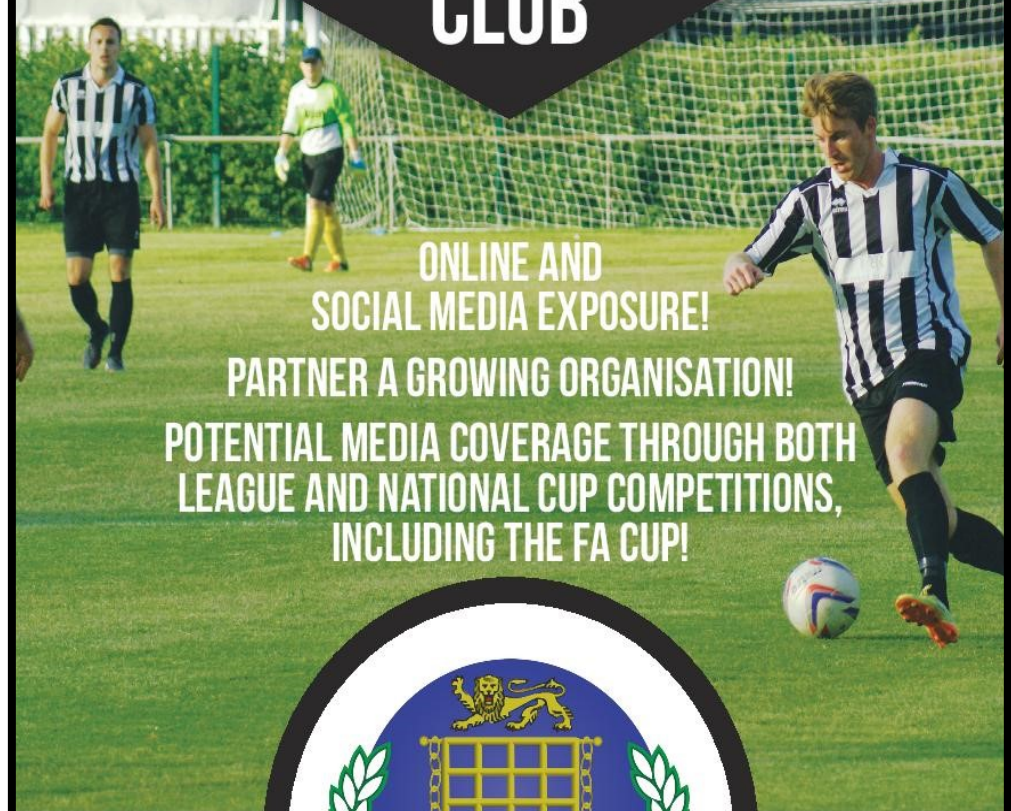
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CHIPPING SODBURY TOWN HISTORY

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.



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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, 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 we are looking forward to exciting times for the club and who knows where it will end!

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. Will Theobald has been appointed as third team manager we wish him all the success for coming season and taking them forward in the Bristol and District League.

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.

CHIPPING SODBURY TOWN COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT – Jeff Harper

CHAIRMAN – Rich Bisp

VICE CHAIRMAN – Mike Fox

TREASURER – Gary Walters

DEPUTY TREASURER – Sandra King

CLUB SECRETARY – Les Theobald

FIXTURE SECRETARY – Les Theobald

COMMERCIAL MANAGER – Mark Lloyd

CLUB WELFARE OFFICER - Andy Newell

MAINTENANCE MANAGER - Jason Rundle

BAR & HOSPITALITY MANAGERS - Rhoda & Steve Francis

PROGRAMME EDITOR - Rhoda Francis

1st TEAM MANAGER – James Mapstone

RESERVE TEAM MANAGER – Tim Seymour

A TEAM MANAGER – Will Theobald

Lifetime Honorary Member - Scott Gibson

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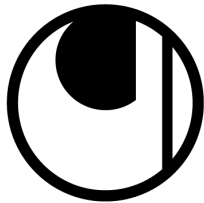
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- 05 - TYTHERINGTON ROCKS (A)
- 08 - FC BRISTOL (H)
- 12 - DEVIZES TOWN (H)
- 15 - STONEHOUSE TOWN (H)
- 19 - HARTPURY UNIVERSITY (H)
- 22 - NEWENT TOWN (A)
- 29 - MALMESBURY VICTORIA (H)

SEPT

- 02 - BOURTON ROVERS (A)
- 05 - SHORTWOOD UTD (H)
- 16 - ABINGDON UNITED (H)
- 19 - CALNE TOWN (A)
- 26 - TYTHERINGTON ROCKS (H)
- 29 - SPORTING CLUB INKBERROW (A)

OCT

- 04 - FC BRISTOL (A)
- 11 - DEVIZES TOWN (A)
- 13 - SOUTHAM UNITED (H)
- 21 - MORETON RANGERS (A)
- 28 - LONG CRENDON (H)

NOV

- 04 - KIDLINGTON RES (H)
- 10 - FC STRATFORD (H)
- 18 - CLANFIELD 85 (A)
- 25 - CHELTENHAM SARACENS (H)

DEC

- 02 - BOURTON ROVERS (H)
- 08 - ABINGDON UNITED (A)
- 16 - SPORTING CLUB INKBERROW (H)
- 23 - SOUTHAM UNITED (A)
- 27 - MALMESBURY VICTORIA (A)
- 30 - MORETON RANGERS (H)

JAN

- 06 - LONG CRENDON (A)
- 13 - KIDLINGTON RES (A)
- 20 - FC STRATFORD (A)
- 27 - CLANFIELD 85 (H)

FEB

- 03 - CHELTENHAM SARACENS (A)
- 10 - STONEHOUSE TOWN (A)
- 17 - HARTPURY UNIVERSITY (A)
- 24 - NEWENT TOWN (H)

MAR

- 02 - SHORTWOOD UNITED (A)
- 08 - CALNE TOWN (H)

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SHORTWOOD UNITED CLUB HISTORY

The Club was originally formed in 1898, and was known as Malmesbury Town, then Malmesbury United. Then in the 1960's, amalgamated with a successful Swindon Club known as Swindon Victoria. The Club has played in various locations in and around the Town before eventually settling on the present site, known as The Flying Monk Ground.

The ground was previously owned by the pub known as The Flying Monk. There have been ups and downs over the past few years, but in 1999/2000 the Club was extremely successful with both Saturday sides winning their respective Leagues for the first time since 1974. The first team won the Wiltshire Premier League to clinch promotion to the Hellenic League, with the reserves winning the equivalent Junior Division to gain promotion to the Premier Division.

During their first season in the Hellenic League the first team acquitted themselves well to finish 4th in the League. Since then things have been much harder to finish in the top half of the league, but in 2001/2002 the Club did win the Wiltshire Senior Cup. 2004/2005 saw the Club decide to start an Under 18's team in the Wiltshire Floodlit League.

The Club has made huge steps to improve the facilities, in the summer of 2004 the giant step of installing floodlights was completed and the summer of 2005 saw the complete refurbishment of the Clubhouse.

In the 2006/07 season, we were unlucky not to get promotion into the Hellenic Premier League, finishing in fourth place. The following season 2007/08, we had a poor start, and half way through, after a change of management finished the season in 15th place.

The 2008/09 season saw the Club finish in the runners-up spot in Division 1 West, and with it came promotion to the Hellenic Premier Division, this being the Club's highest level of football in its history. However, the Club was relegated at the end of 2009/10 as the ground had not reached the required standard to continue in that division.

After dropping down and returning to a focus on local players, the club saw great success in the Wilts premier league, ending in being champions in 2014/15 season and gaining promotion to the Western League for 2016/17 season and finishing in a very respectable 9th position. Following a mid-table finish in 2017/18, League re-structuring has seen the club return to the Hellenic League in the 1 West Division where we look forward to renewing old friendships and making new ones.

The Club is in the early discussion stages to move to a new ground close to the present one, but high enough not to have to worry about flooding.



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Liam Barrett	Callum Kinsella
Lee Bridson	Jordan Lawrence
Ollie Clarke	Jensen Mannings
Mischa Collins	Kylan Mapstone
Brandon Dack	Ayd Muhammed
Ibrahima Diallo	Ethan Roberts
Jordon Evans	Harvey Sealey
Idris Ferris-Mahmood	Ryan Smallwood
George Hale	Toby Vosper
Ryhmel Henderson-Hudson	Callum Winter
James Hicks	Callum Wright

Manager - James Mapstone
Assistants - Ibrihma Diallo, Jensen Manning
Kit - Will Theobald
Physio - Ken Purnell

Colour: Black & White Shirts, Black Shorts, Black & White Socks
Goalkeeper Jersey: Green

REFEREE - Adam Boubrahmi

SHORTWOOD UNITED FC



Billy Thomas (GK)	Dom Kent
Brad Loveridge	Jordan Molyneux
Ethan Royer	Martin Smith
Kieron Mace	Alex Gayner
Marcus Foxwell	Ryan Dobbins (VC)
Shay Lyons	Ethan Gilson - Clarke
Joe Tryner ©	Ollie Elliot (GK)
Fin Byrnes	Ryley Mace
Keegan Bowes	Dan Gayner
Ollie Price	
Essa Sabbally	
Ben Sluman	
Alex Freeman (GK)	

Manager - Dan Gillespie
Assistant - Matt Tunley
Coach - Andrew Moody

Colour: Purple/White
Goalkeeper: Yellow/Blue

ASSISTANTS - Alan Berrow & Kevin Watkins