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Little Stoke Athletic Football Club first formed in the 1950's by Percy Plummer and Cab Callaway playing at a ground in Bush Avenue, Little Stoke which is now the allotments. They then moved to gypsy patch lane playing between the Magpie Pub and the railway line on one of the biggest pitches in Bristol. The club's 1st treasurer was a Geordie and thus the team kit became Black & White stripes which remains in place today. The club first played in the Bristol & District league and had cup success in the 1950's winning the minor cup. The club then moved up to what is now Little Stoke Park and the players built their own changing rooms out of corrugated iron sheets with the help of a local builder Fred Dunscombe. The Athletic name was dropped and Little Stoke FC formed in 1969 and the club moved to the Bristol Suburban league winning various honours over the years. Premier 1 – runners up 2015/16, Premier 1 – champions – 2013/14, Bosley cup winners 2013/14, GFA Senior Amateurs Cup Runners Up 2013, BOSLEY CUP – Runners up 2012/13, Division 3 League Champions 2000/01, Premier 2 League Champions 2010/11/ The club became well established in the higher divisions of the league over a 30 year period but were held back from promoting to the Gloucestershire County League by the ground facilities. In 2015 the club set about upgrading the changing rooms with the players giving their time freely to upgrade the referee's room and in 2016 the club were duly elected members of the Marcliff Glos County League after coming runners up in the Bristol Suburban Prem1 under new manager, Ash Coles. After 3 seasons in the Country League they finally won their first bit of silverware in the 2018/19 season in the Les James Cup Final beating AEK Boco 4 –1 on penalties after a 0 – 0 draw. Season 2021/22 -Winners of the Les James Cup beating Ruardean Hill Rangers 2-0. Also winners of the new Ron Hilpin Trophy beating Wick 4-1. The club now has 3 sides with the Reserves and A's competing in Bristol Suburban League Div 1 & Div 4 respectively.

LITTLE STOKE PLAYER PROFILES

ASH COLES (Colesy) – Manager - Been with the club 13 years as a player, 8th year in charge of the team. Previously managed and played at Almondsbury FC after playing for Paulton Rovers, BMF & Patchway Town.

MARK CURTIS(nobby) - Assistant Manager – Joined Colesy half way 18/19 season from Mangotsfield FC, Great character to have around the dressing rooms but don't ever look at his belly button.

ALEX FOX – Big Versatile Defender who can play anywhere along the back line. 3rd Season with the club after previously playing Winterbourne fc & Wick.

JACK BURGESS – “Manc” 5th season with the club since signing from Mangotsfield FC, pacy centre half who loves to get forward and chips in with a number of goals.

JAIDON HOLVER – 3rd Season with the club since progressing up from the A's. Rapid forward who certainly knows where the net is.

ETHAN MOORE – 4th season with the club, another young prospect who came up through the resses. Great left peg and been ever present since coming into the 1st team.

DANNY LANE – Laners 2nd season with the club since signing from Almondsbury FC, a versatile and experienced player who can play a number of positions, another we need to stay injury free.



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LUKE MEACHAM – “Meach” now in his 5th season with the club since signing from Brislington FC, great competitive striker, who can also play midfield, hopefully can stay injury free this season.

ALEX HILL – 5th Season with the club since coming down from Winterbourne FC, a player that gives a 110% every game & can play a number of positions.

LEWIS HUGHES – 3rd Season with the club since signing from Hallen Res, very skillful holding midfielder who can distribute with both feet.

JUDE SCOTT – 18yr old Midfielder in his 3rd season with the club, has come up through the ranks. Midfielder with a great box to box engine who chips in with goals.

AARON WEST – 2nd season with the club, experienced goal scoring forward who can play anywhere up top.



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We also invite Hardwicke to join us for food and refreshments after the game at Little Stoke Social Club (BS34 6DN).

We wish good luck to both sides today and look forward to a good game of football

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2	Stoke Gifford United	23	13	6	4	54	30	24	45
3	Rockleaze Rangers	22	12	6	4	69	18	51	42
4	Frampton United	23	12	5	6	44	31	13	41
5	Little Stoke	23	10	5	8	42	31	11	35
6	Ruardean Hill Rangers	22	8	7	7	47	45	2	31
7	Bromley Heath United	16	9	3	4	34	24	10	30
8	Sharpness	19	8	5	6	28	27	1	29
9	Hanham Athletic	16	9	3	4	42	27	15	27 *
10	Cheltenham Civil Service	23	7	2	14	23	48	-25	23
11	Quedgeley Wanderers	22	7	1	14	22	54	-32	22
12	Almondsbury	20	6	3	11	27	45	-18	21
13	Wick	22	4	7	11	37	49	-12	19
14	Broadwell Amateurs	19	5	3	11	26	38	-12	18
15	Gala Wilton	24	5	2	17	36	73	-37	17
16	Hardwicke	22	3	4	15	23	62	-39	13

* Adjustment made

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HARDWICKE PLAYER PROFILES

Jack Twyman - Last season's manager hoping to play a lot more this season – hopefully this is at Hardwicke but he likes to keep us guessing.

Will Higgins - Wiggy brings plenty of legs in midfield who can go by players and pop up with goals. Great attitude but did have about ten holidays with the Mrs during last season and opted out of the final games of the season due to study. Lets see if he can complete a whole season.

Will Matthews –Big aerial threat but very robotic with his feet. Another who loves a beer afterwards and we look forward to seeing Will bang a few more in this season (if his knees get sorted). If he gets back fit, will be like a new signing for the club as an experienced player to help the younger lads.

Ben King – Ben is a midfielder or striker and puts a shift in for the team each week. Needs to work on his goal scoring as if he scored as many as he does in training, we would be top of the league.

Marley Johnson – Youngest member of the squad who turned 16 at the end of July. Some might say that Marley gets picked because his dad is the manager but from what we have seen in pre-season, he will likely be playing a lot of games. An exciting young talent.

James Griffiths - Griff has dipped in and out of football over the last season or so as he has been at Uni but when he is back, he always volunteers for any of our teams. Probably the most laid back centre back and try's to avoid heading the ball when possible.

Luke Kyffin – Luke is a centre midfielder with bundles of energy – that probably has something to do with the can of red bull and a fag before the game and at half time. Always good for a yellow card!

George Ganley – Last seasons manager of the 3rd team see's George potentially playing a higher level for the club. Was out injured for a long spell but now getting back to full fitness and will be an asset to any team he plays in.

Scott Eales, A strong defender who can also move into a midfield role if needed to. Leaves everything out on the pitch with his never say die attitude.



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HARDWICKE PLAYER PROFILES

Ollie Hall - Outstanding goalkeeper when he brings his A game. Has had spells with Slimbridge at southern league level and previously longlevens in the Hellenic league. Likes wearing Paddington bear T-shirts.

Jordan Dowdeswell - Wand of a right foot and can play anywhere down the right. Jord has played the majority of his playing days at Hardwicke and probably should of played a higher level for longer after a spell with Tuffley Rovers. Set piece specialist.

Nathan Barnett - Centre half who loves a tackle and someone you'd want in the trenches. Lacks pace but makes up for it in desire.

Pat Vernall - Left sided defender, popped up with a few important goals at left back. Superb attitude, ask him to play anywhere and he'll get on with it. Another who enjoys a beer in the legion after.

Sean Clarke - Right back or can play in midfield, can't seem to keep Sean quiet in the changing room. Broke his collarbone in the season before last but hoping for an injury free season.

Tom Hobbs - Another centre back with a superb attitude. Gets on with it even when not playing regular and always at training. Sometimes likes flicking on the ball for the opposition striker.

Taro Weston - Exciting young left footed footballer who is attached to Gloucester City, can play anywhere on the pitch and will be beneficial to us this season.

Harry Furniss - Brother to Ollie. A man of very few words, talks with his feet. Future star for Hardwicke if guided correctly. Looking forward to seeing him blossom into something special.

Fred Humphries - Players player last season, midfield enforcer who works his socks off and is a huge asset for the club. Hopefully will score a few more goals in his third season for the club after a couple of great goals in the pre-season.

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HARDWICKE CLUB HISTORY

The name of the Football Club is Hardwicke Amateur Football Club, more commonly known as Hardwicke A.F.C. In recent years the nickname of the club has been affectionally known as "Wickey". The club was founded in 1933 (as records show) but rumoured to have been formed in 1918. In 1947 Hardwicke AFC played in a 'friendly' against a German prisoner of war team, based in Quedgeley.

The club played in the Northern Senior League between 1959-1971. However, were forced to pull out of the league as the club moved from their ground which was previously Naas Lane, Quedgeley.

During the 1970's and early 80's the club played on the current playing fields in Green Lane, Hardwicke and represented the club in the Stroud and District league. Unfortunately, the club could not progress further as the changing rooms were not up to the required standard.

The club assisted financially with the development of new changing rooms on the end of the village hall and subsequently was promoted to Northern Senior Division Two, having won the First Division of the Stroud and District league.

The current crest of the club was integrated during 1987 and the club chose to use the centre of the Hardwicke Estates Crest (from the Lloyds-Baker family who kindly gave us permission to use this). The three white objects on the crest are in fact Serpents, not swans. The crest seems to have been misunderstood from being Serpents to Swans for the past 20 years. This crest has also been adopted by Hardwicke Rangers Youth Football Club.

After four seasons in the Second Division of the Northern Senior League, the First team were promoted to the First Division in 1988 after finishing runners-up to Hilldene Athletic.

Further success in the club's history didn't occur until 1993-1994 when our reserve team secured the GFA Intermediate County Cup beating Down Ampney 2-0.

In 1994 the club leased The Close, Green Lane, Hardwicke and developed this from a farmers field. This was opened by Charles Lloyds-Baker to the local community and the club had a weekend of celebrations.

In 1997 the First Team reached the County Cup Final for the first time but lost to Endsleigh Reserves in a close fought game.

1998 saw Hardwicke firsts had been promoted to the Gloucestershire County League having become runners up in the Northern Senior Division One.

The club 'raised the bar' in upgrading its facilities by providing barriers around the pitch, providing a club programme and food/beverage offerings. The club would regularly welcome programme collectors from all over the County.

The Reserve Team gained promotion of Division One of the Stroud League after becoming Division Two Champions in 2001/2002.

The club won the County League and Les James League Cup in 2007/2008. In the same season the club narrowly missed out on the GFA Trophy against Bitton in the final.

With promotion to the Hellenic League, the team went onto win the Hellenic Division 1 title by a massive 15 points during the 2008-2009 season.

In 2009/10 season Hardwicke realised that they could not sustain being in the Hellenic League and made the decision to disband their First Team.

Since this period the First's had gone from Stroud Division Two up to Northern Senior Division One with several promotions.

In August 2014, the club played a Tottenham Spurs legends side to celebrate the life of Rob Dawe, who was a Chairman of Hardwicke Rangers. Tottenham won 11-2.

In the season of 2014/2015 Hardwicke reserve team finished runners up in Stroud Division 3 and were promoted to Stroud Division 2. In the same season the reserves made it to the final of the Charity Cup played at Stonehouse F.C where they were narrowly beaten on penalties by Longlevens 3rd team.

In the 2014/15 season Hardwicke first team finished runners up and were promoted to the County League once again following a huge amount of improvements being made including a new referees changing room being built, pitch perimeter fencing being installed and new dug out's being built in order for Hardwicke to be eligible to be promoted into this league.

In 2015/16 Hardwicke first team won the Les James League cup against Rockleaze Rangers played at Tytherington Rocks FC. Craig Harris scored the only goal of the game.

The club has three teams, with our reserves competing in Stroud Division 2 and 3rd team in Stroud Division 3.

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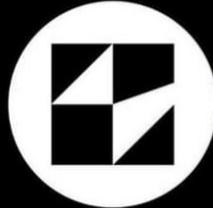





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