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THE MARCLIFF GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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**QUEDGELEY WANDERERS** 

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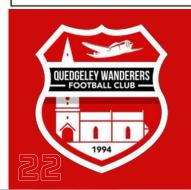
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### Chairman's Notes

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the home of Totterdown United as we embark on our 1st ever season in the Marcliff Gloucester County League.

In what will be our 60th season I think back to the group of friends who founded the team and wonder if they ever dreamed we would come this far, I like to think they would be very proud.

Last season was very enjoyable, a lot of hard work was done on and off the pitch, a real team effort. It was the first time we've won the Premier Combination league, the biggest achievement in our club's history.

We were all over the moon to finally land the league title and secure promotion at the same time.

# It's the first time we've won this league and the biggest achievement in our club's history

Jack has moulded a really good side and delivered some great success to the club since he arrived. I'm certain he and his team will continue to progress in the coming years.

We are under no illusion as to how difficult the step up will be but we are looking forward to the challenge ahead and to visiting a number of new clubs.

Up the Totts



# About us

The club was formed in 1964 by a group of school friends and originally played at the old Whitchurch Aerodrome in the Church of England league.

Amongst the group was Jeff Bryant known to all as "Fred". He dedicated his life to the club, serving as Club Secretary and playing a pivotal role in its survival, especially during the challenging early years. His influence extended beyond the club as he also sat on the league management committee for many years.

In 1974, we embarked on a new chapter by moving to Victoria Park Bedminster and joining the Bristol and District league. This expansion led to the establishment of a reserve team in the Bristol and Avon league. Over time, the Reserves transitioned to the Bristol and District League, where they now compete in the Senior Division.

We relocated once more, this time to the Netham playing fields in Barton Hill and then onto the Bristol Imperial Ground now known as the South Bristol Sports Centre where we played for many years.

Another change in 2016 saw us play our home games at Brislington Cricket Club for a couple of seasons before we moved to our current home at Bristol Barbarians Rugby Club.

Chairman of the club is Steve Thomas (Tom) who played Centre Forward for the Club from the age of 17 until reluctantly retiring at the age of 42 due to long term knee problems.

Current Manager Jack Thorley joined the club in 2021 and has overseen the most successful period in the clubs history winning the GFA Senior Amateur Cup in his first season and the Bristol Premier Combination League in the season just past.

Chairman Steve Thomas

> Secretary Paul Fox

Treasurer
Dave Bull

1st Team Manager Jack Thorley

> Reserve Team Manager Dan Thomas

> > Committee

Justin Barry, Michael Collins, Graham Underhill, Jim O'Brien, Pat Fox, Darren Godfrey, Liam Thorno







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# Manager's View

We extend a warm welcome to Quedgeley Wanderers

They've had a tricky start to the season, but after picking up their first win last week we know they'll be a tough opponent.

Last week's comeback from 3-0 down demonstrated our team's resilience and fighting spirit. We'll carry that momentum into this game and aim to secure a crucial victory.

A win before Christmas would be a fantastic boost for the team and our supporters. We're determined to climb the table and finish the year on a high note.

From everyone at Totterdown United, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Up the Totts







1976-77 Division 5 Runners up

1977-78 Division 4 Runners Up

1978-79 Division 3 Champions

1979-80 Division 2 Champions

1980-81 Division 1 Champions

1985-86 Division 2 Runners Up

1986-87 Division 1 Champions

2000-01 G.F.A Junior Cup Winners

2000-01 Division 1 Champions

2001-02 Senior Division Runners Up

2003-04 Premier Combination Division 1

**Runners Up** 

2010-11 Premier Combination Division 1

Winners

2014-15 G.F.A. Senior Amateur Cup

Winners

2021-22 Bristol Premier Combination

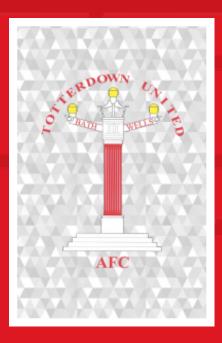
**Runners Up** 

2021-22 - G.F.A. Senior Amateur Cup

Winners

2023-24 - Bristol Premier Combination

Winners

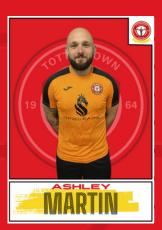




Est - 1964 Home Ground - Bristol Barbarians Home Kit - Red/Black Away Kit - Blue/Black Manager - Jack Thorley







Experienced Keeper with a habit of saving penalties



All action Fullback with an eye for goal



Energetic fullback, comfortable on either side.



Experienced Centre Half, composed and calm under pressure



Dominant Defender, fierce in the tackle and strong in the air



Attacking midfielder with an eye for goal



Box to box midfielder, with a strong work rate



All action youngster, fearless and direct



Focal point of our attack, last season's top scorer



Pacy Winger/Striker, knows where the net is.



Dead ball specialist with a wand of a left foot



Talented midfielder, likes to get on the ball and dictate play.



Experienced midfielder, loves a physical battle



Centreback or Midfielder, great range of passing.



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Club Captain, no nonsense defender





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### HOW IT WAS WON

A season that will live long in the memory got off to a largely forgettable start. An opening day victory was followed by a comprehensive away defeat at early pacesetters DRG. 1st round exits from both cup competitions left the league as our only remaining hope of silverware all before the clocks had gone back.

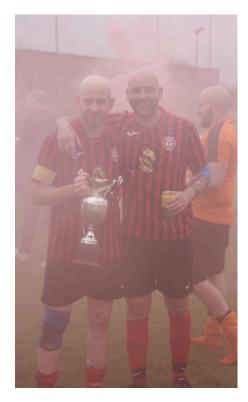
As autumn turned to winter our early season woes were banished with an impressive run of 13 wins on the bounce ensuring we pulled away from the chasing pack with the exception of Hallen Reserves who had matched us stride for stride.

The first meeting of the top two failed to swing the balance either way, a 1-1 home draw ensured both teams were neck and neck heading into the final few weeks of the season. A surprise home defeat to Stapleton handed the advantage to Hallen but after they dropped points against Boco Reserves the destination of the title hinged on the outcome of the return fixture away at Hallen in our penultimate game for the season.

As single strike from top goal scorer Chaz Hemmings was enough to settle a fiercely contested match, leaving Totts with one hand firmly on the trophy.

One final hurdle remained however in the shape of a home game against perennial bogey side Olveston. An understandably tense start was soon forgotten as a brace each from Connor Saunders and Jack Moon put the outcome beyond doubt and clinched the title the club had coveted for so long. The final whistle blew to signal the end of a long season and the start of some epic celebrations.





















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# CONTROVERSIAL PENALTY SEALS TOTTERDOWN WIN

TOTTERDOWN United were surprise winners of the Senior Amateur Cup final, beating Highridge United Reserves 1-0, thanks to a disputed first-half Rob Dumphy penalty. Totterdown, who are second-bottom in the Premier Division of the Bristol Combination, held firm in the second half to pull off a famous victory.

Premier Division high-fliers Highridge were stunned midway through the opening 45 minutes when referee Nick Bracey saw a handball in the box and controversially pointed to the spot for a Totterdown penalty. After Mr Bracey had waved away the protests, Dumphy stepped up and stroked the ball home to put the underdogs in front. Totterdown had the better of the first period, with Connor Saunders enjoying a good game in the middle of the park, but Highridge cranked up the pressure after the break.

Ricky Briggs and Dan Elson squandered golden opportunities as they went in search of an equaliser, putting the Totterdown defence under intense pressure. But Totterdown held firm and refused to buckle. Goalkeeper Carl Bush and his two centre-backs, Toby Carter and Patrick Fox, were rock-solid as Highridge laid siege to their goal.

Highridge threw everything but the kitchen sink at their opponents in the closing minutes, but it was not to be and Totterdown, against all the odds, emerged victorious.





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Almondsbury	12	9	2	1	22	7	15	29
Sharpness	12	8	3	1	32	14	18	27
Stoke Gifford SGS United	13	8	1	4	27	13	14	25
Frampton United	10	7	2	1	31	11	20	23
Wick	11	7	2	2	29	15	14	23
Chalford	11	5	3	3	18	12	6	18
Ruardean Hill Rangers	11	5	2	4	22	18	4	17
Filton Athletic	10	4	4	2	22	15	7	16
Hanham Athletic	10	4	1	5	25	26	-1	13
Bromley Heath United	10	4	0	6	21	16	5	12
Broadwell Amateurs	11	3	2	6	14	22	-8	11
Totterdown United	12	3	2	7	16	32	-16	11
Henbury & Rockleaze	12	2	4	6	14	25	-11	10
Cheltenham Civil Service	11	3	0	8	12	23	-11	9
Gala Wilton	13	3	0	10	9	34	-25	9
Quedgeley Wanderers	13	1	2	10	6	37	-31	5



### Results Saturday 14 th December 2024

Quedgeley Wanderers 1 v 0 Cheltenham Civil Service Stoke Gifford SGS United 3 v 0 Henbury & Rockleaze Ruardean Hill Rangers 3 v 3 Totterdown United



# The Marcliff Gloucestershire County Football League

### Fixtures Saturday 21st December 2024

Bromley Heath	v St	oke Gifford SGS United
Cheltenham Civil Service	V	Wick
Filton Athletic	V	Sharpness
Frampton United	V	Chalford
Hanham Athletic	V	Gala Wilton
Henbury & Rockleaze	V	Broadwell Amateurs
Ruardean Hill Rangers	V	Almondsbury
Totterdown United	V	Quedgeley Wanderers



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### THE MARCLIFF GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE MATCH REPORT



**RUARDEAN HILL RANGERS** 

### **TOTTERDOWN UNITED**

Jack Millard x2, George Saunders

14TH DEC 2024 | 14:00

#### Substitutes

- Ollie Haynes
- Jack Thorley
- Josh Hemmings



### A Thrilling Comeback in the Forest

Totterdown United staged a remarkable comeback to secure a 3-3 draw against Ruardean Hill Rangers in a thrilling encounter.

The home side took an early lead when Steve Clark capitalized on a defensive error to open the scoring. Ten minutes later, Taylor Blaby doubled their advantage with a well-taken goal. The game took a dramatic turn when Ruardean's Olly Mason was dismissed for a second yellow card. Totterdown pressed their advantage, their best chance forcing keeper Martin Coleman to get down well and palm the shot away.

Despite being a man down, Hill extended their lead early in the second half through Clark once again. However, Totterdown refused to give up. George Saunders pulled one back with a spectacular overhead kick, and soon after, fullback Jack Millard added a second to bring the visitors within one. Millard then grabbed his second of the game to complete the comeback with a powerful header.

Both sides had chances to win the game in the closing stages, player manager Jack Thorley going closest to a winner with a late long range effort that the Ruardean goalie did well to keep out but the scoreline remained 3-3 at the final whistle.

Totterdown will be disappointed not to have secured all three points after their impressive comeback, but they can take heart from their resilience and determination.

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# **Quedgeley Wanderers Club History**



QWFC was formed in 1994, with just one boys under 14's team. It was started by Dave Mulrain and Ron Capper, who took on the roles of Secretary and Treasurer, positions they went on to hold for a further ten years. Dave has since returned to the club as Chairman and is in his sixth season. They laid the foundations for the club to grow to the present day where we have over 400 members across 23 competitive teams of all ages, including girls sides, 2 adult teams, walking football and Veterans. Many hours have been dedicated to the club by a number of volunteers to get to the point we are at today. In July 2021, we installed floodlights due to gaining a grant from Crest Nicholson. They were installed by MUSCO lighting who have installed lights in many Premier league sides.

We continue this season with our Seniors Committee, with James Mulrain taking the vice chairman seat. Kelly Mulrain will continue in her role as Seniors Secretary. Dave Mulrain and James Mulrain will work alongside Andy Gutteridge in the Treasurer's role. Many of our dedicated players are stepping up to help the running of the club taking on roles.

Steve Sparrow will continue to take the reins of the First Team this season. He will continue his winning ways lead the team successfully. Rob Page will be coaching the team. We have a dedicated core group of players again this season, so we have high hopes for a positive and successful season in the County League. Lee Worgan has also joined the management team as coach.

Our Reserve team are currently in Stroud League Division 3. Manager, Steve Ballinger and Assistant manager, Ash Pocock will be continuing and starting their first full season with the club. This duo will be leading the Reserves to success with some new faces and a mixture of young and mature players, we have high hopes that they will triumph.



# Quedgeley Manderers Player Profiles

### **Nathan Charnock**

An excellent goalie who came through the youth section who has also spent time playing in the Maltese Premier League.

### **Jack Bright**

Jack brings skill and experience to the side. Solid defender who loves a tackle.

### Ollie Barnett

A valued vocal defender. A pleasure to have at the club and loves a strong tackle

### **Harry Furniss**

New to the club this season, Harry is a promising young striker who will be finding the back of the net.

#### **Sean Lawson**

Sean brings valuable experience on and off the pitch, he will add a real attacking threat to the front line. Our captain.

### Luke Holder

Reggie has been at the club for several years. He is a skilled player who gives 100% effort.

### Finlay Jenner

Fin made an immediate impact when he joined us last season, we know his success will continue in scoring goals this season.

### **Connor Webb**

A player who can read the game well, Connor channels his skills to perform to a high standard each game.

### Dylan Venn

Dylan is a hardworking talented member of our team, a pleasure to have at the club.

#### **Jordan Rouse**

Returning to the club this season, Jordan brings leadership to the defence.

### Jordan Barry

New signing this season, Jordan is a proficient, energetic player. A nice charismatic lad.

### **Benny Smith**

A young versatile player, Benny joins the club this season after playing previously at this level.

### Alfie Pledger

Ex Cheltenham player, Alfie is a strong and physical and takes a powerful freekick.

### **Harry Reynolds**

Harry is a very talented and skilled player who impresses everyone. Harry is an asset to the team.

### **Rio Spencer**

Rio is dynamic and skilfull, gets around the pitch quickly. Top goalscorer.

### Ollie Curtis

When he is not flying around the world, Ollie is a talented skilful striker who can score goals.

### **Dave Cummings**

A club stalwart, Dave gives 100% effort whenever he plays.

### **Rory Hunt**

Rory is a young talented player with a lot of pace to offer.

### James Stanbury

James brings experience and skill to the team, a leader on the pitch.

### **Steve Sparrow - Manager**

Lee Worgan - Coach

**Rob Page - Coach** 





# Marcliff Gloucestershire County Football League

Saturday 21st December 2024 | 2:00pm KO

### TOTTERDOWN UNITED **V** QUEDGELEY WANDERERS

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