



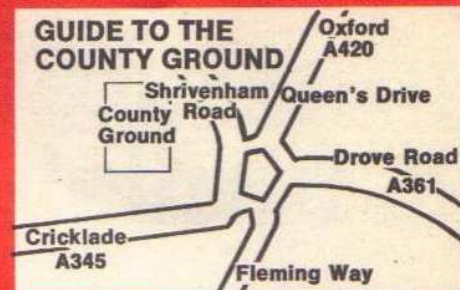
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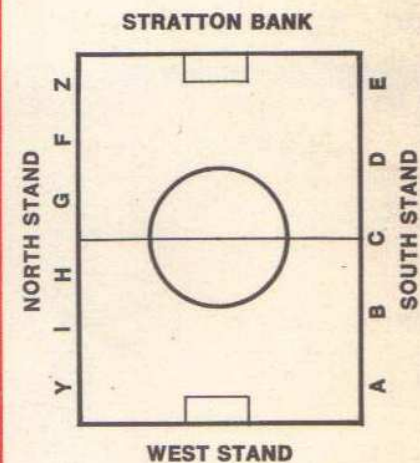
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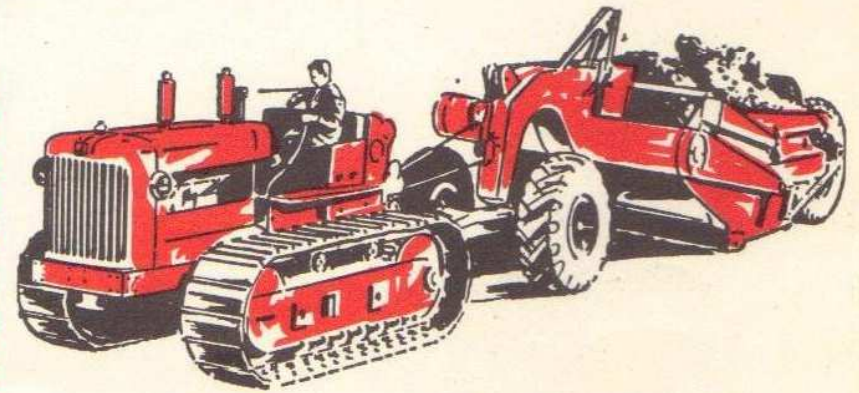


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TUESDAY, 13th AUGUST, 1968

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION

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NEWS and VIEWS

So another season opens and as always hopes run high. The general opinion in Swindon is one of quiet optimism, with a feeling that certain positions have been strengthened with the close season signings.

However no forecasts or predictions. It is a long hard season with at least forty-six league matches plus Cup-ties, etc. By Christmas we hope to be in striking distance of the top places.

As far as the Club is concerned, no doubt the most important happening is the announcement that our Chairman is not seeking re-election to the Board of Directors. It is a wise decision, and we applaud for his action, but it is a great blow. He will be very much missed.

Mr. Castle, has served the Football Club loyally, faithfully and willingly for over twenty years, and for the past eighteen years, has been a devoted Chairman.

Over the years he has acquired a wealth of experience and "know how" and is an outstanding administrator.

He has been an able Chairman, kind, tolerant and patient. Every member of the Board has been given every opportunity to state his opinions. He has been most loyal to every Director, Manager, Player, Trainer etc. Time and time again he has taken all the criticism and complaints, and stood by the side of the members of the Club.

NEWS AND VIEWS—continued

I will remember one famous interview, with a Radio Commentator. We had just witnessed, one of those games with every player off form, due to varying factors. Mr. Castle stood by the players in spite of rather harsh comments.

During his years of office as Chairman, Swindon parted company with three managers. (Quite a good record, when compared with other clubs.)

On each occasion negotiations, were rather protracted and somewhat, not always conducted in what one might term the pleasantest of atmosphere.

Mr. Castle, bore the brunt of the proceedings, in a quiet, fair and just manner.

Things often became difficult and only those of us who were (fortunate, or maybe unfortunate) to be in on the discussions realised just what was involved. Other members of the Board, just did not really know what went on, and the problems involved. Not once did Mr. Castle get "hot under the collar", or be unfair in anything said or done.

I am quite sure, the General Public, as a whole have not realised the worth of the Chairman. A man who never sought the "limelight" or publicity, but one who did his job conscientiously and thoroughly.

We wish him well, we know his greatest wish was to retire with the gaining of promotion. It was not to be, but having given the matter much thought, he wisely decided to stand by his decision.

ROLL CALL 1967-68

	Appearances			Goal Scorer		
	League Div. III	League Cup	F.A. Cup	League Div. III	League Cup	F.A. Cup
Downsborough	27	2	4			
Thomas	41	2	3			
Trollope	46	2	4	2		
Harper	4	1				
Nurse	37	2	4	2		1
Harland	46	2	4	5		
Lowes	2					
Penman	34	1	3	6		1
Terry	42	2	4	16		3
Smart	42	2	4	7		1
Rogers	40	2	3	25	1	2
Desmeules	3					
Butler	41	2	4	3		
Walker	2	2	1	1		
Dawson	22		2	1		
Jones	19					1
Heath	32		4			
Giles	8					
Noble	10		2	2		
Blick	2					
				Opponents 4		
				74	1	9

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4. Highest final position in the Football League—Division III (Southern Section)—was equal first with Ipswich Town 1956-57 but second on goal average.
5. Relegated to the Fourth Division on formation of that Division season 1958-59.
6. Gained promotion to Third Division of Football League 1959-60 by finishing in third place (first four promoted) but relegated again at end of 1961-62 season having finished 21st in the Third Division.
7. Regained promotion to Third Division 1965-66 (third at end of season; first four promoted).
8. Longest run in the F.A. Cup is to the 4th round twice; in 1948-49 and 1954-55.
9. Heaviest defeats were 2—10 against Fulham on 7th September, 1931 and against Luton Town on 2nd September, 1933.
10. Biggest win is 9—0 against Swindon Town on 8th March, 1952.
11. Record gates are 16,388 for a Football League match (Plymouth Argyle on 7th October, 1950) and 21,736 for a F.A. Cup Tie (Huddersfield Town on 29th January, 1955).
12. The reserve team played in the Western League until the first team obtained admission to the Football League in 1927 when the reserves took over the Southern League fixtures for the 1927-28 season.
13. Reserves remained members of the Southern League until joining the newly formed South Western Football League for season 1951-52.



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14. Reserves were champions of South Western League 1951-52 and 1952-53.
1954-55; runners-up in 1951-52.
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16. Reserves resigned from South Western League at end of 1964-55 season and joined the Western Football League.
17. Reserves winners of Division II of Western Football League 1955-56.
18. Reserves winners of Western League Division I and Western League Professional Cup 1959-60.
19. Club won Devon Senior Cup 1921-22; 1946-47; 1959-60 and 1963-64; the first time by the first team, the second time by the reserves and other two occasions by the "A" team.
20. Club won Devon Professional Championship 1946-47; 1947-48; 1948-49; 1957-58 and held it jointly with Exeter City 1954-55.
21. Team won all Cup competitions open to viz; Devon Senior Cup, Herald Cup, Championship Cup Premier Division South Devon League 1963-64 without losing a single match.

PEN PICTURES

BOBBY BAXTER

Left back. 5ft. 8ins. 10st. 7lbs. Born in Redcar. Signed from Brighton & Hove Albion in June 1967, where he played over 250 league and cup games following his transfer from Darlington in 1961. Originally an inside forward at Darlington, where he was leading goal scorer for 2 seasons, he was converted to wing half and full back at Brighton.

TONY SCOTT

Wing forward. 5ft. 8ins. 10st. 8lbs. Born in St. Neots. Signed from Aston Villa September 1967. He joined West Ham United from school; was capped for England Youth 11 times. Was transferred to Aston Villa for £18,000.

JIMMY DUNNE

Wing half. 5ft. 8½ins. 10st. 11lbs. Born in Dublin. Signed from Millwall in June 1967, to where he was transferred from Shelborne in 1966. Was capped for F.A. of Ireland Youth v. Germany.

OUR VISITORS—continued

JOHN BENSON

Right half. 5ft. 10ins. 11st. 10lbs. Born in Arbroath. Signed from Manchester City, June 1964, his only other league club.

MICHAEL CAVE

Centre forward. 5ft. 8ins. 10st. 13lbs. Born in Weymouth. Transferred from Weymouth Football Club 1968.

ANDY DONNELLY

Goalkeeper. 5ft. 8½ins. 12st. 2lbs. Born in Lanark. Signed from Weymouth 1967. Previously played with Millwall and Clyde.

BILL KITCHENER

Full back. 6ft. 1in. 12st. 5lbs. Born in Arlesey (Beds.) Joined West Ham United from school and signed professional at 17. Joined Torquay United on temporary transfer September 1966 and played 25 games before being recalled to West Ham United in March 1967. Returned to Torquay United December 1967 for a fee which has topped the previous highest fee paid by the club for Robin Stubbs.

FRANK MATHEWS

Full back. 5ft. 7ins. 9st. 7lbs. Born in London. Signed from Southend United June 1968.

PATRICK MORRISSEY

Inside forward or wing half. 5ft. 8½ins. 11st. 2lbs. Born in Eire. Eire Youth and Under 23 International. Transferred from Coventry City July 1968.

JOHN ROWLANDS

Centre forward. 6ft. 0½in. 12st. 12lbs. Born in Liverpool. Signed from Mansfield Town June 1968.

ROBIN STUBBS

Centre forward. 6ft. 0ins. 12st. 7lbs. Born in Birmingham. Signed from Birmingham City August 1963 for highest fee ever paid by Torquay United.

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DIVISION III

Date	Opponents	Ground	Result
1968			
August 13	Torquay United (League Cup)	(H)	
August 17	Stockport County	(H)	
24	Hartlepool	(A)	
27	Reading	(H)	
31	Plymouth Argyle	(H)	
September 7	Watford	(A)	
14	Walsall	(H)	
18	Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic	(A)	
21	Bristol Rovers	(A)	
28	Shrewsbury Town	(H)	
October 5	Orient	(H)	
9	Reading	(A)	
12	Brighton & Hove Albion	(A)	
19	Torquay United	(H)	
22	Northampton Town	(A)	
26	Oldham Athletic	(A)	
November 2	Southport	(H)	
5	Tranmere Rovers	(H)	
9	Luton Town	(A)	
16	(1) F.A. Cup		
23	Mansfield Town	(A)	
30	Barrow	(H)	
December 7	(2) F.A. Cup		
14	Brighton & Hove Albion	(H)	
18	Torquay United	(A)	
26	Orient	(A)	
28	Oldham Athletic	(H)	
1969			
January 4	(3) Gillingham	(H)	
11	Southport	(A)	
18	Luton Town	(H)	
24	Tranmere Rovers	(A)	
25	(4)		
February 1	Barnsley	(A)	
8	(5) Mansfield Town	(H)	
15	Barrow	(A)	
22	Rotherham United	(H)	
March 1	(6) Northampton Town	(H)	
5	Gillingham	(A)	
8	Stockport County	(A)	
11	Barnsley	(H)	
15	Hartlepool	(H)	
18	Rotherham United	(A)	
22	(S.F.) Plymouth Argyle	(A)	
29	Watford	(H)	
April 4	Crewe Alexandra	(A)	
5	Shrewsbury Town	(A)	
8	Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic	(H)	
12	Bristol Rovers	(H)	
15	Crewe Alexandra	(H)	
19	Walsall	(A)	
26	Final		

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Chris Jones, close season signing from Manchester City.

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SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

After what must be the shortest close season for many a year, if not the shortest, competitive football arrives back tonight with a bang. All supporters will, I am sure, extend a welcome to the players and supporters from Torquay United.

Those of us who saw the two matches against Morton and Southampton were, to say the least, encouraged more than somewhat. On behalf of us all therefore, I take this opportunity of saying "Welcome to the County Ground" to Chris Jones, John Smith and Frank Burrows, who joined the Club during the close season. John and Frank are not strangers to the County Ground, as both have played here before—on the other side. Tonight's match must be of particular interest to John Smith, as he joined us from Torquay. I would be surprised if Chris has not had a good briefing from Mike "Buzzer" Summerbee, as he joined us from Manchester City.

The Supporters Club members will, I am sure, wish me to extend to Mr. Castle their best wishes, following his retirement from the Chairmanship of Swindon Town. During the term of his office, the Club was promoted to Division II, unfortunately returning to Division III after two seasons, and the team was awarded the "Sunday Mirror" Giant Killers Cup for the magnificent cup run the season before last. In terms of present day finance in football affairs, he leaves the Club in a most sound financial position, and a team which is full of promise. At the time of writing, his successor is not known. Whoever it may be, he will at least start without any serious handicap, except that he will have a high standard

to maintain. It goes without saying that, on our part, the new Chairman will have the full support of the Supporters Club members in his task.

The Supporters Club summer draws, held in May, June and July, were not so successful as was hoped. Nevertheless, the Promoter, Mr. Tom Stenning, tells me that although the profit was smaller than hoped, it did at least maintain contact with supporters which normally lapses during the close season. Letters received from agents make it quite clear, however, that, in July at least, holiday periods had a distinct effect on interest. The Committee's thanks, however, are extended to all who helped in the sale of tickets. Mr. Hart, our weekly Competition promoter, tells me that the Competition is well under way. Naturally, he hopes to have a more successful season than last year—or any year come to that. This will depend on the support given by supporters, and in particular, supporters who are prepared to become Agents. So, what about it? Are you working in one of the new factories where an agent is needed? If so, why not become one? There is a pro-forma here, before your very eyes. So, why not complete it and get cracking?

Supporters are reminded that the membership of the Club is 1/6. Membership of the Social Club is 10/- more. Applications for Social Club membership may be obtained from the doorman at the Club during all opening hours. **ALL SOCIAL CLUB MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT TOMORROW, THE 14th AUGUST, IS THE LAST DAY FOR RENEWING MEMBERSHIP. ON THE 15th, THERE ARE ABOUT 100 NEW APPLICATIONS TO BE DEALT WITH BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.** There

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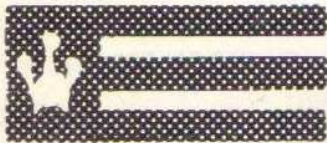
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Wing forward or inside forward. 5ft. 10ins. 11st. Born in Bolton. Signed from Peterborough United January, 1966. Previously with Norwich City, Wrexham, Rochdale and Blackpool.

FRED BINNEY

Inside forward. 5ft. 10ins. 11st. 7lbs. Born in Plymouth. Signed professionally November 1966, his first league club, having had one season with Torquay United as an Amateur. As an Amateur played for Launceston in the South Western League.

JOHN BOND

Right half. 6ft. 2ins. 14st. Born in Colchester. Signed from West Ham United January 1966, his only other league club. Holder of F.A. Cup Winners' Medal 1964. Player for Football League against Scottish League 1959 and Irish League 1958. Member of F.A. South Africa Touring side 1956.

KEN BROWN

Centre half. 6ft. 13st. 7lbs. Born in Dagenham. Signed from West Ham United in May, 1967. Regular first team player for West Ham for over 10 seasons. Holder of F.A. Cup Winners' Medal 1964 v. Preston North End and European Cup Winners' Medal 1965 v. Munich. Capped for England v. Ireland 1960.

ALAN SMITH

Inside forward. 5ft. 10½ins. 11st. 7lbs. Born in Birkenhead. Signed from Port Sunlight, a Liverpool Amateur Club, in 1955.

ALAN WELSH

Inside forward. 5ft. 8ins. 11st. Born in Edinburgh. Signed from Millwall November 1967. With Millwall since 1965 and previously with Bury and Adina (one year), Bonnyrigg Rose (2 years).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Date	Opponents	Ground	Result
1968			
August 10	Oxford United (C)	(H)	8-0
17	Oxford United (C)	(A)	
20	Reading (C)	(H)	
24	Bournemouth (C)	(A)	
September 4	Reading (C)	(A)	
7	Bournemouth (C)	(H)	
11	Arsenal (C)	(A)	
14	Southampton (C)	(A)	
21	Southampton (C)	(H)	
24	Arsenal (C)	(H)	
October 5	Arsenal	(A)	
12	Cardiff	(H)	
15	Bristol C.ty	(A)	
26	Gillingham	(H)	
November 2	Leicester	(A)	
9	Luton	(H)	
16	Norwich City	(H)	
23	Ipswich	(H)	
30	Southampton	(A)	
December 7	Crystal Palace	(A)	
14	Fulham	(A)	
21	Swansea	(H)	
28	Queen's Park Rangers	(A)	
1969			
January 4	Chelsea	(A)	
11	Peterborough United	(H)	
25	West Ham United	(H)	
February 1	Oxford United	(H)	
12	Reading	(A)	
19	Plymouth Argyle	(A)	
March 8	Bristol Rovers	(H)	
15	Birmingham	(A)	
22	Walsall	(H)	
April 12	Tottenham Hotspur	(A)	
19	Northampton Town	(H)	
To be arranged	Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic		

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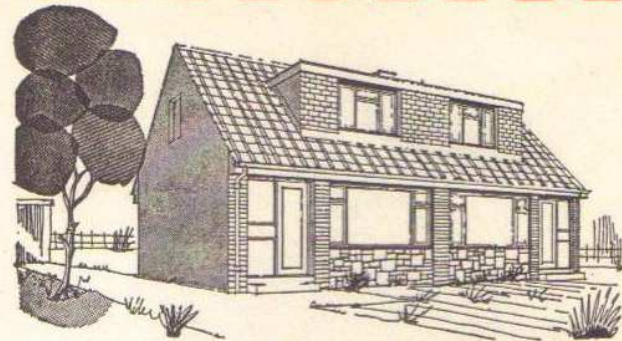
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