



Jewson Western League Division One

Sturminster Newton United

Vs

Calne Town

Saturday 14th February 2026

Kick-Off – 3pm

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Welcome to Barnett's Field

The Home of Sturminster Newton United FC

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Welcome from the Chairman

Welcome to Barnett's Field for this afternoon's Jewson Western League Division One fixture, which is actually only our second home match of 2026.

Our last home game in the league was against Shirehampton two weeks ago. On a pitch that was unexpectedly playable, two second half goals from George W Coleman secured the three points although a few tense moments during the last five minutes where the visitors grabbed one back. All in all a good three points earned.

Our re-arranged game at home to Cheddar next Tuesday has been rearranged again for 17th March as Cheddar are playing in a rearranged Les Phillips Cup match. We wish them well with that.

To turn our attentions to today's opponents, we welcome back Calne Town to Barnett's Field this afternoon. This is our second meeting with Calne Town this season. Back in September we earned three points in a hard fought 1-0 victory. Last season Calne Town ended up as runners-up in this division, however this season they are currently 11th in the league, but their results have been good since early December so they are a team to watch out for!

Our next home match is not far off, with Keynsham Town being the visitors on Saturday 28th February, and in the meanwhile we are visiting Avonmouth next Saturday and Wells City on the following Tuesday (24th).

Finally, thank you all for your continued support home and away. It really does make a difference! Also welcome to any new supporters who are joining us on our journey. I think you will enjoy the experience.

Thanks to you all

Lee

Lee Bright
Chairman



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Since we were last here...

Since our last game at Barnett's field when we hosted Shirehampton two weeks ago in the league we have not played a match! The Shirehampton result went well for us as we won by 2 goals to 1. The match was also surprisingly well attended given the weather with 125 paying spectators at the game.

Saturday 31st January 2026

Sturminster Newton United 2 Shirehampton 1

With just one point from last season's matches against Shirehampton, this was always going to be a tough game. And it certainly proved to be a tough one.

The first half was fairly evenly contested with chances either end, but with the Cherries looking the more likely to score. It ended goal-less though and the crowd were left pondering the possibilities for the second half. Manager Nick Squires made one change at half time switching Adam Hall in for Aaron Lane-Leney to try to get a hold. It was not until 63 minutes though when George "W" Coleman came on as a sub and scored with his first touch of the game that the game turned for the better. Inspired substitution! The Cherries continued to dominate and on 83 minutes George looked to have secured the points with his and the team's second of the afternoon. Shirehampton wouldn't lie down though and they continued to create a few chances. Just five minutes from time the ball ended up in the Stur net to bring the game back to 2-1. The visitors were kept at bay though and nearly conceded a third when keeper Theo Crane launched a long shot from his penalty area towards the other goal having spotted the keeper a long way off his line. The keeper was alert though and managed to scramble back to gather the ball. So we ended up at 2-1 – a good three points on a tricky surface and with other results going favourably found ourselves sitting in second place.



Man of the match was awarded to George Coleman.

Sturminster Newton United FC – History

In 1874 the club, which was then known as the Panthers FC, became the first ever club from the West Country to participate in the FA Cup, reaching the second round on three occasions.

In 1877-78 they played the legendary Wanderers in the first round but lost 9-1. In the 1890's their name was changed to Sturminster St Mary's, with the current name adopted in 1945.

They were among the founding members of the Dorset Combination in 1957, having previously played in the Dorset League. After leaving the league due to financial difficulties in 1960, they played in the lower Dorset Senior League until they re-joined the Combination in 1972. They remained in that competition (since 2002 known as the Dorset Premier League) until 2011, when they were relegated to the Dorset Senior League. During this time, they won the Combination Cup twice, in 1981 and 1995.

They moved from a public recreation ground to their own stadium in Honeymead Lane in 1996.

In 2011-12 under Gary Head, in his first full season in charge, the club won the Dorset Senior Trophy with a 1-0 win over Parley Sports at Wimborne Town. In 2021-22 under the management of Nick Squires the club won its second Dorset Senior Trophy, beating Merley Cobham Sports 2-1 at The County Ground, Hamworthy. In 2022-23 the club continued their success adding the Dorset Premier League Cup to the trophy cabinet beating Sturminster Marshall 4-1 at Wimborne Town. The 2023-24 season has been the most successful in the clubs history as they have won the Dorset Premier League for the first time and have gained promotion to Step 6. A great season first time around in the Jewson Western League Division One saw them finish a very credible eighth under Nick Squires.

Dorset League Division One Winners 1971-72

Dorset Senior Trophy Winners – 2011-12 and 2021-22

Dorset Combination League Cup Winners – 1980-81 and 1995-96

Dorset Premier League Cup Winners – 2022-23 and 2023-24

Dorset Premier League Winners 2023-24

History of Calne Town FC

1886 A significant moment in history, the story begins, **Calne Town FC** are born and start playing friendlies. Home is the town centre Recreation Ground.

1891/92 1st competitive game in the Wilts Cup – the roller coaster ride it begins!

1912/13 trophy case needed winners Wiltshire Senior Cup... 1st of many is hope!

1920's sees a marriage with famous bacon factory works team, Calne & Harris United.

1960's the club relocates to its current ground, Bremhill View and drops the bacon, back to plain old Calne Town FC. Cheap bacon quickly disappears from the club house.

1979/1980 ...champions Wiltshire County Division 2...nice one!

1984/85 the trophy cupboard grows, winners in the Wiltshire Senior Cup and the Ghia Senior KO Cup.... really getting a taste for Victory!

1985/86 a new committee was formed with the objective of bringing a higher standard of football to Bremhill View, seen as visionaries of their time!

1986/87 100 years old! and a birthday present received. The big time is here, our application to join the Great Mills Western League Division 2 is rubber stamped.

1991/92 further development work at the ground with the expansion of the social club to provide lounge and bar facilities – fans very appreciative...hic !

1992/93 Manager Graham Fell at the helm we are Division 2 runners up and promoted.

1993/1994 Turbulent times, 3 managers in quick succession but surprise appointment of a 22 year old Tommy Saunders keeps us in the top rung. His knack for 'finding' quality players means we enjoy a successful run of top half finishes.

1997/98 An excellent FA Cup run, victorious over Fleet Town, Welton Rovers and Clevedon Town, but lost out in the last minutes of a home replay against Basingstoke.

1998 Tommy's destiny for higher things catches up; he is off to Chippenham Town. Assistant Colin Bush, supported by ex-Calne player Lester Foxhall fills his very large boots. Despite the turmoil our highest ever finish in the Top rung, 6th place no less.

1998/99 a traumatic season! Tommy's legacy fades as many key players desert to higher footballing echelons. New manager Mel Gingell's hastily assembled young squad cannot compete. Mid-season Mel is dismissed, replaced by John Fisher ex. Swindon Supermarine & Wollen Sports. Too little too late, unable to deliver, down to Division 2.

1999/2000 new millennium brings former Calne stalwart Graham Learmonth as manager, assisted admirably by Sean Hughes and Ian Monnery. Ship steadied, the young side produced glimmers of excellence and restores some pride.

2000/01 thump!?!@!, we finish bottom and Graham short reign ends, lady luck though is on our side, relegation is avoided by bureaucracy as the league is reconstructed. Phew!

2001/02 brings optimism with newly appointed management team Steve Hale and Paul Rankin. Steve resigns soon after the start leaving Paul and assistant Mark Jefferies.

2003/4 new players added and the team complete some memorable performances, FA cup success still eludes. Season ends couple of places short of promotion. Proposals for new ground resurrected but short lived; yes we will stay at Bremhill!

2004/5 one of the most successful seasons in our clubs history. Automatic promotion as runners up, secured by victory in the last game of the season...get in there! The bar gets some stick and we are all off to the heady heights of the Premiership. To cap it all an appearance in the League Cup final... but football is a cruel mistress, The Double is not to be, a painful loss on the lottery of penalties to Bridgwater. Kelvin CV shining resigns to take over at Melksham.

2005/6 builds on success; new management in Robbie Lardner and Simon Hillier and loyal players ensure the season ends in our highest position in our 120 year history.

2006/7 sees our longest FA Vase run for some time, losing eventually by a slim margin to Slimbridge. In the league, early promise whimpers out and the team finish mid-table.

2008/9 fast out of the blocks winning most matches before Xmas. Maybe too much turkey as the 2nd half of the season is downhill slipping to 16th place. Not all doom and gloom as we finish runners-up to in the Les Phillips Cup Final losing 2 - 1 to Oldland Abbotonians. As season ends Manager Robbie and Assistant Simon call it a day.

2009/10 Mark Barrett announced as new Chairman and Kelvin Highmore returns as manager assisted by Paul Thompson.... who promptly leaves for Devizes Town and is replaced by Tommy Dryden. Winners of the Wiltshire FA Senior Cup, defeating Laverstock and Ford at Salisbury City stadium gives some celebration, but no such luck in the league, poor results means relegation back to Division 1 and the swift resignation of the management team.

2010/11 New management team in Jeff Roberts, Nick Vitale and Drew Youngsam

2011/12 Jeff and Drew stay in place supported by Anthony "Browner" Brown. We finish our successful campaign a creditable 4th ... our best position for many a season.

2012/13 the Jeff and Drew combination remain, riding their luck until it is obvious promotion is not beckoning, they leave and Browner steps up and seeing out the season as manager.

2013/14 struggling for players following the mercenary exodus of 99% of 1st team players over wage cuts the reserve team step up after winning their Wiltshire Premier League race the previous season. Browner is replaced at the top by Simon Gardner following his success as Captain and motivator with the squad in the previous season and a mid-table finished is secured.

2014/15 change all around. In the summer break, Simon steps up as Chairman and Neurin Jones our solid team captain is confirmed as our new Player/Manager.

2015/16 Neurin learns the ropes with a young team of local talent supported by influx of Chippenham players - finish 15th in Toolstation Western league Division 1.

2016/17 Early in the season poor results leads to player commitment issues – Neurin steps down as manager to be replaced with Dave Ferris. Not enough and finish 2nd bottom!

2017/18 Committee makes tough decisions, Dave exits in the summer and new local talent Clive McDaid and Ben Redford offered managers role.

2018/19 Ben and Clive bring in a handful of new signings and finish the season in a respectable 8th place. At the end of the season Clive steps down as joint manager and is replaced by the experienced Trevor Rawlings.

2019/20 20/21 Season's ended by the covid pandemic.

2021/22 Club promoted to Hellenic Prem, but were relegated at the end of the season.

2022/23 The club finish in 6th place in Div 1, Ben Redford steps down as joint Manager.

2023/24 A month into the season Trev steps up as Director of football. Dan Badman comes in as manager assisted by Alex Blake. Club finish the season in 8th place.

2024/25 The club return to the Western league. New Manager in ex player Craig Kent assisted by Stuart Windsor and Head Coach Chris Baxter take the reins. The team have a great season finishing 2nd in the league.

Next matches at Barnett's Field

Next up at home we welcome Keynsham Town for our Jewson Western League Division One match on Saturday 28th February 2026 – KO at 3pm.

This is quickly followed by a three home games in mid-March when we host Cadbury Heath, Cheddar (Tuesday evening), and Devizes Town. Keep an eye on the fixtures list and social media for confirmation of these fixtures.

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible to cheer on the Cherries throughout February and March!

Reserves fixtures for February

Dorset Football League – Division 2

14 th February	Beaminster (away)
21 st February	Bournemouth Electric Res (away)
28 th February	Swanage Town & Herston Res (away)

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Jewson Western League

Division One table as at 13/02/2026

TheFA

1	Devizes Town	23	16	7	0	45	55
2	Sturminster Newton United	23	17	2	4	43	53
3	Avonmouth	26	15	8	3	14	53
4	Bitton	26	14	8	4	14	50
5	Wells City	24	16	1	7	40	49
6	Bristol Telephones	24	13	6	5	11	45
7	Mendip Broadwalk	24	10	6	8	0	36
8	Longwell Green Sports	27	11	3	13	-6	36
9	AEK Boco	24	10	5	9	11	35
10	Almondsbury	22	10	5	7	0	35
11	Calne Town	26	9	7	10	3	34
12	Warminster Town	25	8	8	9	3	32
13	Cadbury Heath	27	8	7	12	-20	31
14	Odd Down (BATH)	24	7	5	12	-6	26
15	Shirehampton	23	5	6	12	-21	21
16	Radstock Town	23	4	9	10	-11	20 *
17	Keynsham Town	26	5	4	17	-32	19
18	Cheddar	26	3	9	14	-34	18
19	Welton Rovers	23	4	3	16	-25	15
20	Hengrove Athletic	24	2	7	15	-29	13

* adjustment made

OWNERSHIP STATEMENT:

Sturminster Newton United Football Club

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Company number: 05153583

Today's squads

STURMINSTER NEWTON UNITED				CALNE TOWN			
No.		Goals	Sub	No.		Goals	Sub
	Theo Crane				Gorazd Gigov		
	Nick Hewlett				Stuart Windsor		
	Jack Atkins				Harry Bailey		
	Buddy O'Shea				Noah Cranswick-Coates		
	Elliot Bevis				Oliver Crosby-Clarke		
	Billy Bright				Sam Jones		
	Ashley Clarke				Edward Oatley		
	George (GC) Coleman				Lewis Royston		
	Benjamin Cowley				Joe Reynolds		
	Jamie Danoris				Owen Jones		
	Ryan Schouten				Luke Ballinger		
	William Guppy				Kegan Smart		
	Adam Hall				Charlie Warren		
	Harry Smith				Declan McStravick		
	Aaron Lane-Leney				Ewan Balkwill		
	Jensen Doerr				Joe Williamson		
	George (W) Coleman				Jack Byrne		
	Charlie Garrod						
	Matthew Jobbins						
	Ben Reed						
	Ben Knight						
	Denzil Gurung						
	Sean Hart						
	Nick Squires	Manager			Craig Kent	Manager	
	Martin Silk	Asst Manager			Stuart Windsor	Asst Manager	
	Joshua Mead	Head Coach			Steve Armstrong	Coach	
	Dan Stone	Coach			Rhys Armstrong	Coach	
	Annie Lammas	Physio			Troy Prentice	Coach	
Kit: Red & Black shirts, Black shorts, Red & Black hooped socks				Kit: Yellow Shirts, Blue Shorts, Blue Socks			

Match Officials:

Referee: Rebecca Halford
Assistant 1: Mark Chinnock
Assistant 2: Roger Hughes