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ROVERS FC**

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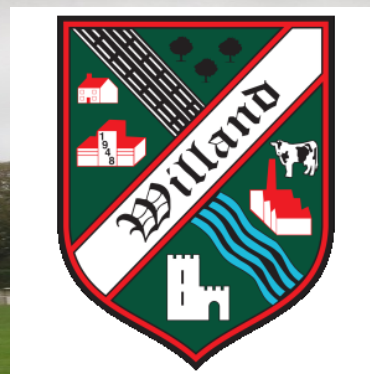
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Sat 11 Jan 20	15:00	Willand Rovers		Thatcham Town	BetVictor Southern Division One South
Sat 18 Jan 20	15:00	Barnstaple Town		Willand Rovers	BetVictor Southern Division One South
Sat 25 Jan 20	15:00	Willand Rovers		Frome Town	BetVictor Southern Division One South
Wed 29 Jan 20	19:30	Willand Rovers		Cirencester Town	BetVictor Southern Division One South
Sat 01 Feb 20	15:00	Willand Rovers		Larkhall Athletic	BetVictor Southern Division One South
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Sat 15 Feb 20	15:00	Willand Rovers		Evesham United	BetVictor Southern Division One South
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# WILLAND ROVERS

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<b>FA Charter Status:</b> Standard Club	<b>Joined League:</b> 2019
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<b>Shirt Sponsor:</b> Stan Robinson	<b>Pitch type:</b> Grass
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<b>Ground capacity:</b> 1500	

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**Nearest Railway Station**  
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**Willand Rovers Football Club is a Members Club. All positions below are elected annually by members of the club at the Annual General Meeting which is held in August of each year as per club rules.**

**Chairman:** Mike Mitchell  
**President:** Peter Ward  
**Vice President:** Tony Williams  
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**Football Secretary:** Dominic Clark  
**Secretary:** Catherine Dinner  
**Members:** Simon Dinner, Richard Barrs, David Cork, Graham Mitchell, Mike Hawkins, Neil Stone. Andy Barnard, Tracey Greening, Mel Barrs.

## Douglas Baptista CAMILO (MID)

Doug has arrived from Taunton, he has natural balance touch and technique alongside a steely will to win, he will certainly compliment the other central midfield players  
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## Callum HALL (MID)

Callum is a recent acquisition from Tiverton Town, where he produced a number of stand- out performances, finely balanced player who can play down either flank.  
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## Josh WADHAM (MID/FWD)

Josh is another player returning to Silver Street, after a few years away at Street where he won the Western League, Taunton, Bideford and Wellington. Exciting runner with the ball, exceptional winger with an eye for a goal  
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## Dean STAMP (FWD)

Dean has re-joined Willand and brings experience and goals to the side, in his last year at this level he scored in excess of 50 goals, Dean scored over 126 goals in 150 games for the Farm over the last 3 seasons. He was once transferred for £10,000 from Exeter City to Truro FC. Last season Deano has played in 27 games and has scored 15 goals he HAS THISS EASON OVERTAK- EN David Steele as the club all time goal scorer sitting on 157 and counting.  
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## Craig VEAL (FWD)

Vealy has returned from Taunton where he won the league and came second in the premier division. Quick striker whose conversion rate is brilliant, when last playing for us he scored 20 goals in 19 games.  
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## Ben BICKLE (FWD)

Another young talent coming from the Devon league where he excelled for Okehampton last season. He looks strong, sharp with boundless energy, undoubtedly his work rate and goals will soon turn him into a Silver Street favourite. Presently, the young player of the year. In Bicks first season with us coming off the bench in 25 of his 36 appearances he has scored 12 goals  
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## Aidan MOYLE (FWD)

It's a miracle that this young lad still plays he has multiple knee surgery on both knees yet he still willing to put his body on the line. This season Aidan has played in 17 games and has scored 4 goals all from the bench, but all three have been vital goals for the club.  
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## Russell JEE (MANAGER)

Russ was with Exeter City, has played for the likes of Bideford in the past. Took over as manager four seasons ago. His knowledge of the league and local football is second to none. Last season Russ has led the club to a historic ¼ final of the FA Vase. The Les Phillip Cup final and winners of the Western league. He has installed in the team of the benefits of playing exciting football with 150 goals scored last season shows we are a side that likes to entertain. He is now looking forward to pitting his wits against the Southern league

**Mike SEARLE (GK)**

Experienced keeper at this level having been with Torquay United, Tiverton Town and Truro City in the past, very vocal and assured gloveman.

Last season Searly has played in 41 games keeping 15 clean sheets

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**Josh SEARLE (RB)**

Josh has joined from Taunton Town, since arriving he has shown his versatility by filling in on both flanks and in both full back positions. Good athlete and two footed.

Last season Josh has played in 46 games and has scored 16 goals from his full back spot.

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**Ryan GUPPY (CB)**

Ryan is a speedy fullback, with an eye for goal, forth season with us Last season Gups has played in 43 games and has scored 5 goals from his full back spot

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**Adam HILL (CB)**

Supporters player for past two seasons joined from Callington, tall, athletic, consistent and assured defender. Last season Hilly has played in 43 games and has scored 1 goal, but he does score they are normally very important goals

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**Will RICHARDS (LB)**

Will has also returned to Willand after leaving Exeter City he had a brief spell with us before trying his luck at Bideford. Recently has been playing his footie in the Devon league. Sweet left foot compliments his mazy runs.

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**Joe CURTIS (MID)**

Joe is now in his 7th season with the club and wears the Captain armband with pride, his ability to be able to keep going for 90 minutes at the same pace is astonishing, very popular member of the squad. Last season Joey had played in 41 games and has scored 2 goals, his break up play is second to none

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**Brett WORBEY (MID)**

Brett is in his 6th season with the Club, dead ball specialist with 4 goals this season. Can produce that moment of magic to unlock defences. Presently the managers player of the year.

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**Rob NORRISH (MID)**

Combative Rob has returned from Tiverton Town, still showing his warrior attributes with his tenacious break up play and tackling, do not underestimate his passing ability. Last season Bobby has played in 30 games

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**David STEELE (MID)**

Veteran midfielder, who has played either for us or Tiverton for the past 20 years, very adaptable, uses that knowledge to good effect great communicator and Assistant Manager. Last season Steely has played in 14 games and has scored 2 goals, the second one being very important as it was his 150<sup>th</sup> goal for the club making the clubs leading goal scorer ever.

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# Club History

## Rovers from humble origins to today!

Football has been played in Willand for well over 100 years and the first match reports exist from November 1907, when Willand Association Football Club was under the chairmanship of Dr Henry Tracey of the Gables and played their home games at the Pavilion Ground, being the field opposite the Halfway House.

The football club was still going strong by the years of the Second World War, when it was known as Willand Wanderers FC. However, a spell in the financial doldrums left Wanderers going out of business and out of the ashes rose Willand Rovers.

There were two members from the football club on the committee of Willand United Services Club formed in 1942 to organize wartime social events.

During the 2nd World War and for a period of time after wards, the club played home games in Henry Eveleigh's field which is the land that, these days, is opposite the chip shop in Station Road, Willand.

It was in the early 1950's that the club made the switch to its present home, Silver Street, now known as the Stan Robinson Stadium in deference to its main sponsor, Stan Robinson Transport. In 1972 Willand started the season there against near neighbor's Tiverton Town in the Premier Division of the Devon and Exeter League. Interestingly enough, the K. O. was scheduled for 3.15. (To allow the crowds time to enter?) This season saw the first programme produced for match days with 40% of the proceeds on sales going to a prize draw. It also saw the introduction of a refreshment caravan. Whilst it is not clear what was sold from the caravan, the programme advertisers included current programme advertisers, Willand Service Station and Cafe and Spearing's Coaches, past stand sponsors, Lloyd Maunder, now 2 Sisters food group and the long departed Railway Inn at the original Tiverton Junction station.

For the opening match of 1972-3, the two teams included any number of well-known local football names including, for Willand Rovers, Kenny Freeman and current club chairman, Mike Mitchell whilst Tiverton Town included Colin Campion, a relative of Dave Campion who was to go on and become Secretary of the club in early 21st century, along with Nick Seatherton, whose relative, Mark, was one of the stars of the Rovers Devon County League side in the 90's.

LEGEND SAYS.....

# Willand Rovers FC Bingo

Bar Open & Tea/Coffee  
1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month  
Open 7pm,

Eyes down  
7.30pm



**Our bread and butter is the league steadily we marched on sitting top of the table for much of the season, where everyone wants to come and knock you off your perch. There were a few hiccups on the way but come late April it was a 2 horse race we needed to draw the other side needed to win.**

**Travelling to third place Bitton, needing a draw to win the league, Bitton themselves could pip everyone if the calculators could work out the permutations. We got off to the worst possible start conceding a goal after 20 seconds, now the pressure was on but slowly we came into the game but could not find that allusive equaliser.**

**On the hour we were reduced to 10 men when one of ours was sent off for protecting one of our players from getting thumped. With second place Parkway winning and now top of the league as it stood we needed something special from someone.**

**But true Champions find a way; they don't lie down in the face of adversity and 2 minutes after being reduced to 10 men, Luke Alden popped up with a sublime finish to gain parity.**

**So for the first time in the club history we won the Western league and were promoted to the Southern league.**

**Some of those history makers have left some have moved away some have business and a young family to consider, but they will all go down in Willand folklore as heroes.**

**So Willand Rovers stand proudly at the highest point the club has reached in its short history. The this year will bring a different set of challenges, the decision has been made to start to develop the Stan Robinson Stadium, a new seating stand which can accommodate at least 50 seats is being sourced, ground in fill around the pitch side has been completed, a physio room and outside toilets have been added as we prepare for our first encounter with the Southern League.**

**The Club now has to consider whether to stay at Silver Street or move to a facility fit for purpose, with ever more development going on in the village and surrounding area now is the time to make that decision of where our home for the next 55 years will be The last news is that in consultation with a local businessman and land owner we may well be placed to find Willand Rovers a new home in the next 5 years .The story goes on as the dream still unfolds - Watch this space.**

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**Robert Norrish**



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**Legend has it that the current grandstand was built with timber from the then village hall, which also had to make way for the motorway. Despite the stand, disaster followed in 1985 when the Devon and Exeter League ruled that the club did not have adequate facilities to continue to play in the Premier Division and demoted the club to its senior leagues and the reserves went to play in the North Devon League.**

**Looking at the club and its facilities now, one has to admire the quick and positive way the club fought back from this moment of adversity. As a measure of the progress the club made at that time, inspired by current President and former player and club manager, Peter Ward, "The Rovers" not only got back into the Premier Division of The Devon and Exeter League, it then became one of the founder members of the new Devon County League when it was set up in time for the start of the 1992-3 season.**

**Rovers hosted their first ever County league match, and Bert Millichip, then the Chairman of the Football Association, was in attendance to witness history being made for the village side.**

**The manager at that time was Mike Howe, a well-known local former player with both Tiverton Town and Elmore and further proof that "The Rovers" were on their way.**

#### **THE CLIVE JONES REIGN.....**

**Under current manager Clive Jones, the club's rise continued with the County League being won in 1998-9 and again in 2000-1 followed by promotion to the Western League Division One and in season 2004-5, promotion as champions to the Premier Division of the same league.**

**Success like this on the pitch can only come with hard work and dedication going hand in hand off the pitch and the club has been blessed with a series of loyal and unpaid servants such as the already mentioned Peter Ward, Dave Campion and Mike Mitchell plus such people as Andy Jarrett, who served for 22 years as Secretary. There are many, in the past and in the present, who have, and do, work tirelessly for the club. The clubhouse, post and rail pitch surround and floodlights have all been put in place by the club members. In 2013 in his last game for the Club Clive lead his men to a 1 nil victory over Hallen in the Les Phillips Cup Final.**

#### **ROVERS CLIMBING THE FOOTBAL PYRAMID.....**

Willand's standing in non-league football climbed to new heights in the last few seasons as they lifted the Les Phillips Cup in 2006/07 beating Welton Rovers in the final, after finishing runners-up to Corsham Town the previous year. Their then highest ever league position also followed in 2007/08 with a fantastic third place spot and that was bettered in a magical 2009/10 season that saw Rovers finish second only to Champions Bideford whilst they also reached the Fifth Round of the FA vase. In 2015-2016 after marathon 7 games were knocked out by Gosport Borough of the Conference South in the 4th Qualifying Round of the FA Cup, just round away from playing in the competition proper.

At the end of the 2013 season long time manager Clive Jones stood down and was replaced by young duo Scott Rogers and Russell Jee. As they learnt their trade the club finished a respectful 8<sup>th</sup> last year in the league. At the end of the season which was Scott last game in charge of the team we won the Les Phillips Cup beating Barnstable in the final. This season we have had a tremendous FA cup final playing clubs from East London and the South Coast before falling to Conference South giants Gosport Borough.

In 2015 saw Russell Jee taking over as manager with David Steele as his assistant. This exciting pairing will be given time to adjust at the top and improve the club league standing. The season did not start too well with 4 points from the opening league matches and out of both FA competitions. But the club and squad stuck together and went on an unbelievable 12 match winning streak through November, December January and February, by the end of the season we had finished 6<sup>th</sup> with 70 points our highest points tally in 6 years. We continued our love affair with the Les Phillips Cup with our 6th final appearance in 15 years, unfortunately this year we were the bridesmaid rather than the bride losing to Hengrove Athletic by an odd goal. Our record in the final is now 3 all.

In 2017 the league recognized the sterling services of a few of the 'characters' who have been associated with Willand for over 50 years each. Mike (Mitch) Mitchell, Tony (Tacker) Williams, Pete (Duffy) Ward. Mike (Bacon) Mears and Reg Vile have all shown tremendous commitment to the club and have totaled in excess of 280 years loyal services just to one club, Willand Rovers. We do however have some younger blood helping out within the Club, our Treasurer Cath Dinner has had a long involvement with WRFC as her father played here when she was a mere slip of a girl. Simon Dinner is responsible for the club-house events and maintenance. Tracey Greening is our General Secretary and keeps a sharp eye on all the stock. Dom Clark has been football secretary for a few years now replacing the sadly departed Tony Baker.

Off the pitch the thriving fully refurbished club-house continues to help provide vital funding and the club also has a range of branded merchandise and local business, despite the hard times of the early 21st century recession continue to support, none more so that local haulage firm – Stan Robinson Transport who have increased their involvement with the club as "The Rovers", seek to maintain the impetus of the last few years. Other local businesses have continued to support the club and thanks to The Hickory Inn, Devon Tarmaster, Pencarrie for their involvement with us.

In 2017 we welcomed a new team to Silver Street with the arrival of the Braveheart's FC a local side formed to help raise funds for service personnel and founded out of the tragic loss of one of their mates who was killed in action whilst serving with British forces in Iraq. The Saturday side run by Nick Lush finished in mid table in Division 6 their highest finish in their short history but gained success in winning the Carlisle Cup with a late equalizer they then went onto score twice in extra time to secure their first piece of glittering silverware. The Sunday side ably led by Kris Roper put a magnificent late season run together overturning a huge goal difference as they chased the leading side to come through magnificently with a splendid last match win to ensure they ended up as Champions.

For Willand Rovers the 2017-18 season brought the most entertaining attacking football brand we have seen, we were leading goal scorers in the division with some 121 goals in all competitions. Russell and David have brought in exciting young talent in the shape of Luke Mortimore and Brad Ausden and added some experience with Josh Searle and Glenn Gould together with the existing retained squad secured 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 78 points and a positive goal difference of 50+. WRFC were in great shape going into February with games in hand on the eventual league winners, but the wet weather reduced the league programme to a shambles ensuring we are and other clubs were playing 3 times a week. Added to that the loss of 4 key players to serious injury did not help our cause. But as we strive to improve both on and off the pitch this season was certainly taking us in the right direction.

#### 2018-2019 The History Makers

2018 was the Chinese year of the dog well for Willand it was a year when we ended up top dog. It was a year never to be forgotten and will take some effort to beat. The season started by the return of a warrior in Rob Norrish and the introduction to senior football at the club of one of ex youth players Ben Bickle. Both were to have an impact on how the season went. In September another experienced player joined in Craig Duff and that mix of young talent, experience stood us in great stead over the 52 game we played last season.

The brand of football we played was one of excitement and flair some of our goals would not been out of place at the Eithad or Nou Camp. We ended scoring 152 goals across all competitions. We departed the FA cup early but did not lose in the league until late September but by then we have started our FA Vase journey which took deep into the competition finally bow out in the ¼ finals against the losing finalists. In snow covered February and with 6 inches of snow on the ground a magnificent village effort with some 30 volunteers aged between 12 and 84 came and cleared the snow from the pitch so we could get the FA Vase 5<sup>th</sup> game on was truly amazing. Overcoming Deeping Rangers that Saturday was a magical and befitting moment for the club players and volunteers taking us further into the Vase then we had been before.