



## Clubs, Societies & Sports

### Cricket

Swindon Y.M.F.S. v Culham College. – These teams met on the Y.M.F.S. ground at Gorse Hill, and the home team lost their opening match by 26 runs. Scores: - Culham, 118; Y.M.F.S., 92. *Citizen 11-5-1891.*

St. Mark's Juniors v. Moredon. – Played at Gorse Hill. And won by the Junior eleven with the scores of 53-59 against 46-57. *Citizen 15-6-1891.*

St. John's v Y.M.F.S. "B" – played at Gorse Hill the ground of the former. Y.M.F.S went first and compiled 74 runs but only got 11 in their second innings. St John made 50 and 19 for 4, so lost by 24 runs of first innings. *Citizen 6-7-1891*

Swindon G.W.R. II. v. St. Mark's Y.M.F.S. II. Played at Gorse Hill. The Y.M.F.S. scored 76 against 89 knocked up by the G.W.R. E Bown made 27 runs for the winners, A. Dibsall, for the losers taking 7 wickets for 17 runs. *Citizen 27-6-1892.*

Swindon Wesleyans. v. St. Mark's Y.M.F.S. II. Played at Gorse Hill, the Wesleyans winning by 20 runs, making a score of 85 against 65 scored by the Y.M.F.S. *Citizen 25-7-1892.*

-Gorse Hill Perseverance C.C. in 1901 Hon. Sec. Mr F Cleverly of 30 Bright Street. They beat Swindon St. Mark's by a score of runs. *Swindon Advertiser 10-05-1901.* They beat Swindon Technical College by 2 wickets *Swindon Advertiser 06-06-1902.*

Swindon All Saints v St. Barnabus played at Southbrook Farm on Saturday. All Saints 36 with A Smith of St Barnabus taking 7 for 19, St Barnabus could only score 15 in reply. *Swindon Advertiser 11-06-1909.*

### Gorse Hill Working Men's Club.

Chapel Street.

Club sued by Inland Revenue for selling beer, spirits & tobacco without paying proper taxes. *The Wrexham Advertiser 22-10-1887*

Wanted, a Married man, without encumbrance, who will give substantial bond to act as steward for club, *Western Daily Press 29-06-1889.*

Became a fully licenced club in 1890.

460 members in 1895. *Swindon Advertiser 31-08-1895.*

Grand Band Concert to be held on lawn on 11<sup>th</sup> May. *Swindon Advertiser 10-05-1901.*

Sacred Concert on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 6.45pm. *Swindon Advertiser 07-06-1901.*

Skittle team beat Bridge Street by 35 pins. *Swindon Advertiser 29-11-1901.*

Result for 16<sup>th</sup> October, beat Central Club 176 to 175. *Swindon Advertiser 24-10-1902.*

Ashford Road beat Gorse Hill 218 to 197 *Swindon Advertiser 05-12-1902.*

Wroughton beat Gorse Hill 206-177. *Swindon Advertiser* 24-02-1905.  
Percy Street beat Gorse Hill 192-190. *Swindon Advertiser* 10-03-1905.  
Cycle Club beat Gorse Hill 213-201. *Swindon Advertiser* 17-03-1905.  
Closed c.2010 and converted to a mosque.

### **New Century Club**

Bright Street

Opened in 1900.

1939 Register, Arthur T William is steward.

### **Football**

Played at Gorse Hill, Y.M.F.C. reported as beating Mr. R. R. Fords XI by 10 goals to nil. *Citizen* 18-11-1889.

Y.M.F.C. II. v. Gorse Hill Swifts played at Gorse Hill, and one goal being obtained by each team the match was drawn. Y.M.F.C. II. Had two goals disallowed by the referee. *Citizen* 13-10-1890.

St. Mary's Juniors defeated Highworth Town at Gorse Hill, by four goals to nil. *Western Daily Press* 9-3-1891.

Swindon Y.M.F.S. II. v Swindon Wanderers at Gorse Hill. The Wanderers scored twice, but ATKINS, SLATER and IRELAND scored for Y.M.F.S. II. *Who won* 3-2. *Citizen* 28-9-1891.

Swindon Y.M.F.S. II. V Devizes United at Gorse Hill, and a wet slippery game was drawn two goals each. *The Bristol Mercury & Daily Post* 12-10-1891.

Swindon St. Mark's v. Purton. – The first named team had an extraordinary win over Purton on Saturday at Gorse Hill. The home team scored ten goals to nil during the first half, and eventually won by the large total of 21 goals to nothing, and thus succeeded in establishing a local record of big scoring. *The Western Daily Press* 19-1-1892.

Swindon Reserves v. Y.M.F.S. "B" Team. – These elevens met at Gorse Hill, when the Friendly Society won, somewhat unexpectedly, by 5 goals to nil. *Citizen* 4-4-1892.

Swindon Harlequins v. Stroud "A" – played at Gorse Hill. A tight game being the result. Swindon scored a try, but the point was disallowed, and no other score being effected by either side the game was drawn. *Citizen* 14-11-1892.

District League - Wroughton 5, Gorse Hill Workmen's 1: Victoria Athletic 2, Gorse Hill Albion 0: Stratton Reading Rooms 5, Gorse Hill Swifts 1.

Schools League – Gorse Hill 4, Higher Grade 1.

Friendlies – Gorse Hill Rovers 6, Highworth St Michael's 1. *Citizen* 9/10/1899.

Gorse Hill United played Wroughton casuals, winning six nil. *Swindon Advertiser* 31-10-1902.

Gorse Hill: United season 1902-3, played 23 games and only lost 6, with 2 draws, scoring 93 goals, The captain E Telling scored 18 of them. *Swindon Advertiser* 08-05-1903.

Gorse Hill United v. Wanborough United, Gorse Hill won 4-0. *Swindon Advertiser* 14-10-1903.

Gorse Hill School beat Westcott school 6-1, St Barnabus lost to Gorse Hill old boys 6-1. Gorse Hill United beat Baptist Social Union 2-0. *Swindon Advertiser* 20-11-1903.

Gorse Hill United beat Swindon Thistle. 3-1. *Swindon Advertiser* 11-11-1904.

Gorse Hill United beat Cirencester Albions 1-0. *Swindon Advertiser* 10-02-1905.

Glevum Works v. Gorse Hill, on the Lannet – Glevum 3, Gorse Hill 1, T. Allen (2) and W. H. Phillips for Glevum, and JOYCE for Gorse Hill, scored. *The Citizen* 26/12/1905.

Wilts Cup Draw – Swindon Town v. Gorse Hill Workmen. *Western Gazette* 26/12/1919.

Draw for Second Round of the Amateur Cup – Radstock Town v. Devizes Town or Gorse Hill Workmen. *Western Gazette* 19-10-1923.

Malmesbury Hospital Cup Final – Gorse Hill Workmen 7, Sherston Town 1. *The Western Daily Press* 13-04-1928.

Junior Cup Round 2, Gorse Hill Albions drew with West End United 1 all. *Swindon Advertiser* 08-11-1910.

### **Athletics.**

From 1899 - 1902 Annual Races were organised behind Duke of Edinburgh pub.

SPORTS! SPORTS! SPORTS!

**T**HE 2ND GRAND ATHLETIC MEETING will be held at the Duke of Edinburgh Grounds, **GORSE HILL, SWINDON** on SATURDAY, May 26th, when the following Valuable OPEN HANDICAPS will be run. 1st Heat at 3.30 sharp:—

120 YARDS FLAT HANDICAP—1st prize, £5; 2nd prize, 10s.; 3rd prize, 5s.

440 YARDS FLAT HANDICAP—1st prize, £1 10s.; 2nd prize, 10s.

HALF-MILE FLAT HANDICAP—1st prize, £1 10s.; 2nd prize, 10s.

ONE MILE FLAT HANDICAP—1st prize, £2; 2nd prize, 10s.

Starter: Mr. T. GARDNER.  
Handicappers: THE COMMITTEE.

Entries to be made to Mr. A. GREGORY, 26, Kent Road, Swindon, on or before WEDNESDAY, May 23rd. Entrance, 1s. each event or 3 for 2s. 6d. Strangers please state previous performances.

The above Prizes will be paid in cash immediately after the race.

*The Citizen 7th May 1900*

## MUSIC

1914- 1920 Gorse Hill Prize Band. Played at various events including outside the town. They played in Cheltenham in 1914 and at Tetbury show in 1920. *The Western Daily Press 7/8/1920.*

*Wiltshire Music Festival – Gorse Hill Girls Club (Mrs Dockray), 258 points, 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Western Daily Press 9-5-1928.*

*Wiltshire Music Festival – Gorse Hill Girls Club 335 points, 1st. The Western Daily Press 1-5-1929.*

## Pidgeon Racing

Gorse Hill & Swindon and District H.S., reported 1902-21.

The second young bird race took place from Chard, 70 miles, 105 entries released by Mr Dominy, Stationmaster. H Tuck of Gorse Hill was 5<sup>th</sup>, *Swindon Advertiser 22-08-1902.*

Race from Starcross won by Champion Blue Chequer of Mr F Dowdeswell. *North Wilts Herald 02-06-1933.*

Race from Plymouth to Swindon, winners W J Parmenter and F Dowdeswell. The club was also represented on the Chippenham Club's race from Ripon. *North Wilts Herald 09-06-1933.*

Race from Chard to Swindon. 72 birds raced, first and second belonged to Mr. Dowdeswell. *North Wilts Herald 25-05-1934.*



*Evening Advertiser 1935*

**Gorse Hill Conservative Hall** rear of 145 Cricklade Road.

Previously housed in the hall behind The Duke of Edinburgh, Also known as Arkell Hall after the sponsor, opened by Mr. W. W. Wakefield the Swindon Conservative candidate, the steward in 1904 was Thomas Smallbone.  
A new hall was built in 1935,

**GORSE HILL PRIDE**, Association of Friends in 1901

**Beaver, Cub and Scout groups.**

17<sup>th</sup> Swindon Scout Group based at St. Barnabus.