



The Greatest Story (TGS) Exhibition Room at the Cherry Red Records Stadium, more commonly referred to as 'The Museum', is the showcase for sharing Wimbledon's unique football history and the last stop on all stadium tours.

WiSH could probably fill four or five museum spaces with the treasure trove of memorabilia it holds and aim to curate and rotate items displayed on a regular basis.

Accessible (for free!) before every home game, it is hosted by WiSH volunteers including Kelly Jones and Ray

Armfield who help first-time visitors and regular Dons fans alike enjoy the experience.



Kelly explains: "I really enjoy hearing 'Oh Wow!' from people as they wander in via the Club Shop on a matchday. I was a bit nervous at first but realised my job was to listen and learn. I make a point of trying to engage with as many people as possible and am amazed at what a variety of visitors there are – including John Green who I enjoyed meeting last year.

"Often items in the display cases will trigger memories and conversations, particularly our 'jewel in the crown' which is Vinnie Jones' 1988 FA Cup winner's medal. I'm almost sorry when it's time to lock up and take my seat in the Cappagh Stand for the match!"

Ray adds: "I've recently added Museum Host duties to my Stadium Tour Guide role and am constantly taken aback by the range of interest we receive. Last Saturday for



example, I hosted before the Cheltenham game and spoke to visitors from the USA, Italy, Norway, Ireland, Germany, and a 77-year-old groundhopping Portsmouth fan, before two of my boyhood playing heroes – former Wimbledon defenders Billy Edwards and Jeff Bryant – casually strolled in.

"Recently, we've had a Borussia Dortmund fan visiting England just to do seven different stadium tours in just five days and a Stirling Albion historian keen to start a club museum of his own back in Scotland. Usually, I let visitors look at whatever catches their eye, but a friendly 'Hello, is this your first visit here?' makes for a handy ice-breaker and hopefully everyone leaves at least knowing one or two things they didn't know before.

"We don't (yet!) do

TripAdvisor but we have recently started a Comments Book and encourage people to use this."

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