

## WELCOME HOME CORKY!

It has taken more than two years to get Alan to agree to be my "Match Day Guest." Finally, it was his two granddaughters, Evelyn and Felicity, who helped me convince him. They had no idea what Grandad had

achieved until his family was gathered around our FA Cup cabinet in The Greatest Story Museum, where the contents show a very special story...

Alan Cork: 1988 FA Cup Winner; 145 league goals; 430 games; the only player in history to have played in every division of the Football League and to

## have scored in all four divisions of the pre-1992 Football League.

We were able to provide a fitting hospitality package that included a tour of the stadium, a family hospitality room, and a walk out onto the pitch at half-time that was met with a rapturous response from our fans, plus interviews with WOPA and the Club

I received this message from Alan on Saturday evening: "I cannot thank you, WOPA and the Club enough for the amazing hospitality shown to us. Everybody we met was incredibly friendly and helpful. The tour of the stadium was fantastic and I was particularly impressed with the facilities available to players, staff and fans. It's a far cry from the old stadium!"

"The stadium has obviously gained a great deal from the relationship with WiSH and its old player network, WOPA. Walking around much of the complex it's hard to believe that this is a "fan-owned stadium" in League Two. The quality of wall fascias and action photographs would grace many a Premier League ground."

"My family were very impressed with the quality and quantity of materials in your TGS Museum; when we reached a section on speedway racing my wife suddenly took us all by surprise by announcing that her father, John Dugard had raced for New Cross at the Wimbledon Speedway Track!"

WOPA, WiSH and the Club look forward to welcoming more former players to the stadium very soon.

Mick Pugh, Secretary – Wimbledon Old Players Association

