



## OPENING A NEW CHAPTER

As we enter a new year, and new chapter of our story, it is timely to remind ourselves of all our past achievements as a football club. Wimbledon in Sporting History is dedicated to preserving our past in many ways. You will have seen many fantastic additions around Cherry Red Records Stadium, Plough Lane since we have returned.

These could be historic artefacts, to hosting tours. We pride ourselves on making you proud of our legacy. Today we host an FA Cup tie, a competition that is so close to our hearts having done what many saw as impossible by lifting the famous trophy back in 1988. Our visitors today, Ipswich Town also have a great affinity with the FA Cup having won it a decade before our success.

We are joined at today's game by our cup final winning captain Dave Beasant, who was the first goalkeeper to save a penalty at Wembley Stadium.

The list of on-field successes goes deeper than that day in May 1988. Some of those are listed in the WISH foundations, and feature as part of The Greatest Story that continues to grow in our museum. Many will know that we have the FA Cup winners medal donated by Vinnie

Jones, proudly on display. If not, you do now, so that alone is well worth a visit, and from there you will find many more treasures from our illustrious past.

- 1) The only team to have won the amateur and professional FA Cups, in 1963 and 1988
- 2) The most nomadic club – 22 Different locations
- 3) The real Invincibles – 78 games unbeaten
- 4) The most different opponents – 781
- 5) The highest number of points without gaining promotion – CCL 2002/03

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- 6) It only took nine years – from reformation to Level Four (League Two)
- 7) The fastest rise in football from Level Four (old Fourth Division) to Level One (old First Division) 1982/83 – 1986/87
- 8) The most awarded club – 85 trophies
- 9) The only club in the world with three charities – Foundation, DLAG, WISH

Our museum volunteers are always happy to guide you around and answer your questions, and if it's not your first time, we are fairly sure you will see something different on your next visit.

2024 sees WISH embark on new projects, and we are always looking for new volunteers to help in different areas. If you feel you can dedicate some time in helping us then please contact us at [info@wimbledoninsportinghistory.com](mailto:info@wimbledoninsportinghistory.com)

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