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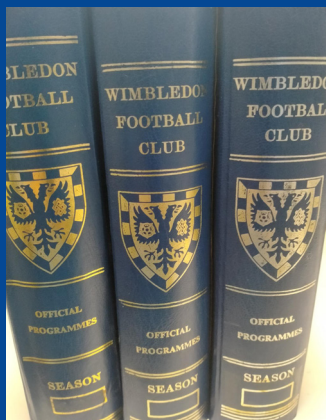
Batsford 50th Anniversary Reunion Dinner and Auction

50 years ago in January 1975, managed by our new manager, the great Allen Batsford, a Southern League team from Wimbledon reached the third round of the FA Cup, drawn away to Burnley, one of the top Division One teams (now the Premier League).

Incredibly we won 1-0 thanks to another Micky Mahon screamer, becoming nationally famous for being the first non-league club in the 20th century to win away at a top-flight club.

Reaching round four, we were all excited to see who we would draw. We came out of the hat as the away side again, this time to Leeds United, the then top team in the country and reigning First Division champions.

It seemed unlikely that lightning would strike twice and the popular opinion was that we'd be lucky to keep it down to single figures. The Batsford Boys defied all the pundits coming away with a 0-0 draw and to top it off a certain Dickie Guy saved a penalty from Peter 'hotshot' Lorimer, our captain Ian Cooke got embroiled in a haggis incident with Billy Bremner in the Leeds dressing room and Batsford



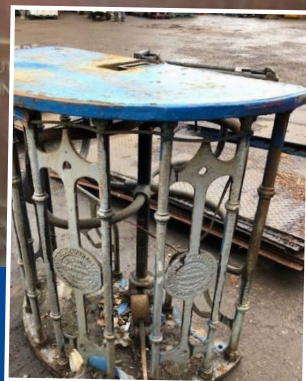
had the Wombles ejected from the team transport.

So, you now have a chance to see this legendary team back together once more, with everyone involved represented for the dinner at the Club on Friday 31 January.

You'll be able to ask questions, watch video footage, hear the above stories, get autographs and photos, and possibly win an amazing piece of Wimbledon history in the auction. Items include an original Plough Lane Honours Board from 1977, an original turnstile, a complete set of home programmes from 1974-77 in three bespoke binders including Burnley and Leeds away.

You can bid now by emailing info@wimbledoninsportinghistory.com

The final round will take place on the night. The honours board and turnstile have reserves of £400 each, the programme collection £200, these are all extremely rare and one-off pieces of Wimbledon



Heritage from Plough Lane, never to be repeated again.

In addition a small number of the home shirts from that 1974/75 season will be on sale on the night – the first time these shirts have ever been reproduced, and an opportunity to get them signed by the squad that evening.

More information on the dinner and tickets can be viewed by scanning the QR code:

