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I've been a volunteer programme seller for over 20 years, but the move back to Plough Lane saw me also become a WISH volunteer too. After my induction process in January 2024 and later helping out at the Merton Heritage Day and the Batsford Reunion Dinner, I was asked to take on a time-consuming project of organising and collating several thousand Wimbledon FC/AFC Wimbledon



programmes donated by a number of supporters, which included large collections from the families of deceased fans. Initially, each had to be logged by season and also individually checked in case any tickets, newspaper reports or other memorabilia had been slipped inside, with many items of historic and material interest discovered. A policy was agreed to keep pre-1977 programmes (as being the most valuable) and I then dealt with

wants lists from several collectors before the bulk of the remainder went to programme dealers. My January 2025 hours alone totalled 150!

I'm now stepping back from regular programme selling to concentrate fully on the new Museum as part of the WISH Collection and Curation Team and I suppose you could call me the Deputy Museum Manager. I compiled a new and accurate inventory of all items going into the new cabinets, ensuring that a donation/loan form is now completed for any new items received. Working with our historians (including my husband Ray of course), we've dressed and labelled the new displays appropriately according to their eras, I will soon be adding all stock items stored in the Mick Pugh WISH Room into the inventory so that we have a comprehensive record going forward and be able to rotate/refresh cabinet contents on a more regular basis. After much hard work from many people, it's great to now see the results and I take pride directing matchday visitors towards the museum.

