



## Preserving Wimbledon's Sporting History: Microform Imaging and The Ark Heritage Team Up with WISH

During Wimbledon tennis fortnight, WISH had a space in Wimbledon Quarter shopping centre. If you were able to visit during that time, you may have seen and used a touch-screen tablet that gave you access to the first early phase of an ongoing project.

This is a huge piece of work that will eventually enable you all to browse our history at you're your fingertips. Tom Impey from The Ark Heritage team gives you more information.

At the heart of every football club is a story, and few clubs have a history as compelling as AFC Wimbledon. That's why Microform Imaging



and The Ark Heritage are proud to partner with the WISH (Wimbledon in Sporting History) project to preserve and digitise the Club's rich heritage for future generations.

Together, we're helping bring to life one of the most remarkable journeys in British football from the Club's amateur roots and FA Cup glory to its reformation and phoenix-like rise through the football leagues.

The WISH platform is designed not just as a digital archive, but as an ever-evolving, fan-powered resource where memories, photos, matchday programmes, and oral histories can be shared and discovered. For us at Microform, with over 50 years of heritage digitisation experience, this is more than a job, it's a passion project. It's about creating a living legacy of footballing pride, community spirit, and resilience.

The end goal? To ensure AFC Wimbledon's story, your story is never forgotten. That every

chant, every cup run, every historic ground, and every fans voice is captured forever.

As a company with deep roots in preserving cultural and sporting archives, Microform Imaging is honoured to help bring WISH to life. And alongside The Ark Heritage's dedication to memory curation and storytelling, we're working to ensure that Wimbledon's past continues to inspire its future.

Let's make history... together.



## Memorial Bench To Be Unveiled

This coming Saturday, August 23, our Memorial Bench will be unveiled. It is something that the WISH team have worked hard with the Club to achieve. The bench has been installed on the newly created memorial ring (War Memorial Site) and is one of only four benches permitted there.

There will be a plaque on the stadium wall, which, via a QR code, will give details on how to visit the bench. We are sure that all those who want to pay respects to loved ones who are no longer with us will



find this a very suitable and peaceful area.

Access is directly off the A3, and the address is Richardson Evans Memorial Playing Fields, 2 Friars Avenue, SW15 3DU

This is where Wimbledon Old Centrals played their first match in 1889, and the clubhouse there now will also have a WISH Y&B Heritage Plaque installed commemorating the start of our history.