



Wolverhampton Wanderers LONDON SUPPORTERS CLUB founded 1966

NEWSLETTER



From the chair

Wow! If you were there then you already know. If you were not there you missed the greatest event that we have yet put on. The Valley did not know what had hit them as a gold and black wave swept over London SE7.

The organisation, led by Stef Leonard and his crew, has brought nothing but praise and where I thought my phone would stop, once the "do" was over, it is nearly worn out. Some of the praise and thanks are published in this edition of your newsletter.

The room had to be seen to be believed and the assembled one hundred and fifty had the night of their lives with great food, live music, raffles and auctions, alongside messages from Sir Jack, the Doog and new manager Mick McCarthy.



The Doog was, unfortunately, laid low with two broken bones in his foot and although he left it until the last minute to see if he would be able to travel the pain proved too much and he telephoned to cry off with much regret. (His chicken dinner went down very well from my plate!).

If you have been unable to visit our website there are pictures of the night inside. For these and the full report on the site our thanks go to the ever dependable Peter Bartlett whose contribution has been invaluable both at The Valley and in the weeks leading up to the event.

To those of you who have never been involved in the organisation of an event of this size I can honestly say that all the hard work was worth every minute.



To all the people involved in the preparation may I, on behalf of the membership and the guests on the night, say a huge thank you for what was described by Dave Dungar of Wolves Sponsors Chaucer as, 'the biggest party seen in London since England won the world cup'. To those who decorated the room or sold raffle tickets I can't say thank you often enough.

Inside this edition you will also find a form asking whether you wish to receive your newsletter by post or via the internet. This is a significant money saving step by The Club and an effort to cut down on the amount of work undertaken by Dave Slape. If you DO NOT respond you will be assumed to be on the electronic mailing list and will no longer receive paper copies of the magazine.

I have already sent Mick McCarthy a welcome note on behalf of all members and he has said that he will contribute to our magazine on a regular basis, in some shape or form.

I wish you all the best for what may be a difficult season. Up The Wolves.

Stuart



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What A Summer!

When Glenn Hoddle unexpectedly resigned as Wolves Manager minutes before the start of the England v Portugal World Cup quarter final match on July 1st I wonder whether he knew that 120 minutes later he would be just a minor footnote in the footballing news of the day? England knocked out, Erikson era over and Beckham quitting as Captain ensured that Hoddle's ungentlemanly behaviour would pass almost unnoticed.

in the 8 weeks between the end of the season and Hoddle resigning he oversaw the sale of Joleon Lescott to Everton, Kenny Miller depart to Celtic and several senior members of the Wolves squad leave the club having been refused new contracts whilst bringing in a sum total of 0 players. The departee's included Stefan Postma, Maurice Ross, Darren Anderton, Vio Ganea, George Ndah and Colin Cameron. Within 10 days of Hoddle leaving Seol was sold to Reading whilst Paul Ince and Mark Kennedy dithered over the terms and conditions they were offered and eventually turned down.

Just to give a small indication of the surprise and, perhaps, the communications and team spirit within the Wolves management team is that Hoddle allegedly allowed his coaching staff - which included his brother Carl - to sign new contracts less than 24 hours before he resigned. It all sounds pretty calculated and if Hoddle had tried to do a poorer job during his time at Molineux, I doubt he would have managed it.

My biggest disappointment with Hoddle's tenure (and there have been many) is that, despite his extensive contacts throughout the footballing world, he failed to bring any really talented players to the Club. Admittedly there was Darren (Sicknote) Anderton and the loan signing of Jeremie Aliadiere but neither player really shone for the Wolves and, lets face it, a central midfield policed by two 38-year-olds was hardly going to set the side alight. Of course there is also Hoddle's major investment in (ex)Polish International Tomasz Frankowski, the "last piece in the jigsaw", who has summarily failed to impress thus far. Frankowski is still searching for his first goal for Wolves and I hope that by the time you read this that he is off the mark - otherwise I'll be running a competition in the next issue for suggestions as to what that jigsaw actually looked like!

Having had 2 ex-England managers in charge of Wolves in the last 12 years Wolves have now, to my great delight, skipped across the Irish sea to secure the Republic of Ireland's second greatest manager as the new man in charge. Mick McCarthy appears to have breathed considerable life into Wolves already, despite only being in role for 2 weeks. New signings are arriving almost daily with Gary Breen, Jay Bothroyd, Jamie Clapham, Craig Davies and Brazilian Gui Finkler having joined. Carl Cort has decided to stay and McCarthy is apparently busy ringing round all the Premiership managers trying to prise players from their squads - there is clearly a buzz at Molineux and I'm looking forward to seeing the results on the pitch. We must not expect miracles but it looks like Mick is going to have a good try at disturbing our giant from its long sleep.

Good luck Mick from all at Wolverhampton Wanderers London Supporters Club.

Changes at the top

Rick Haywood, WWLSC member, has stepped down as Chairman of Wolves due to business concerns in the Bahama's along with Paul Manduca resigning as a director. Two new local businessmen, Kevin Threlfall and John Gough, have been invited to join the board as directors and three more appointments are due imminently including a new Chairman. The changes are continuing to fuel the speculation that Wolves President, Sir Jack, is planning on selling the Club with ex-Portsmouth owner Milan Mandaric top of the list of potential buyers. Wolves have denied the story with Sir Jack claiming it is complete nonsense.

London Wolves Website (WWW.LONDONWOLVES.COM)

Hopefully you'll all have received access to our Members Only section on the website - if you haven't then please contact Peter Bartlett, our webmaster, at londonwolves66@ntlworld.com.

Two important reasons to visit the website are:

1. Keeping in touch with London Wolves. Travel news is up-to-date and club news, both Wolves and WWLSC, is updated regularly. There are video's of old games and currently a whole host of snippets and photo's from the 40th Anniversary dinner.

2. WWLSC are in the merchandise business courtesy of spreadshirt.co.uk who provide a wide-range of Official WWLSC gear all of which can be viewed in the merchandise tab under WWLSC on the home page. There are t-shirts, polo-shirts, jackets, scarves and mugs amongst other items including the official WWLSC thong, modelled on the website by Ruth.

But there are loads of other reasons to check the website out and keep up to date with activities. Peter has really done a terrific job in pulling all the information together and, following the AGM decision, will probably be the source of the Newsletter for most members from the next issue.

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WWLSC 40th Anniversary Dinner - 22nd July 2006



PAUL COLE
BELVEDERE, KENT



TO STUART AND THE WWLSC COMMITTEE.

I'VE JUST GOT HOME FROM THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY AND I'M STILL BUZZING BECAUSE, QUITE FRANKLY, I'VE HAD A SUPER NIGHT OUT. THE WHOLE EVENING WAS EXCELLENT. I WAS ON A SUPER TABLE WITH ERNIE HUNT AND THREE OF MY CLOSE FRIENDS FROM THE LONDON WOLVES. MIKE BAILEY WAS SITTING BEHIND ME ON ANOTHER TABLE AND HIM AND ERNIE WERE EXCHANGING FRIENDLY AND FUNNY BANTER WITH ME IN THE MIDDLE OF IT.

IT WAS GREAT TO SEE MOST OF THE PLAYERS FROM THE 1966 HOME GAME AGAINST PLYMOUTH ARGYLE. I WON'T GO INTO NAMES AS I'M NOT A NAME DROPPER. IT WAS ALSO NICE TO SEE JOHN HOLSGROVE AND FRANK MUNRO AND IT WAS GREAT TO SEE 'KING' JOHN RICHARDS AGAIN AND HAVE A CHAT WITH HIM. THE LAST TIME I MET HIM WAS AT THE LONDON WOLVES BOAT DISCO A FEW YEARS AGO IT WAS ALSO GOOD TO SEE CLIFF EGAN FROM THE CLUB WHO I MET A WEEK BEFORE THE ANNIVERSARY DINNER AT THE A.G.M. IT WAS ALSO NICE TO SEE SOME MEMBERS WHO I HADN'T SEEN FOR A WHILE.

I THOUGHT THE LOCATION FOR THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER AND DANCE WAS SUPERB. ITS THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN TO THE MILLENNIUM SUITE AT THE VALLEY AND I MUST SAY I WAS IMPRESSED BY IT.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK STUART AND THE COMMITTEE FOR ORGANISING SUCH A GOOD EVENT. IT HAS BEEN SUCH A SUPERB NIGHT OUT I'M ALREADY LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT ONE!

MANY THANKS GUYS, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

PAUL COLES

We thought we'd give you a few days to recover from the DO at Charlton before contacting you. It was good fun, we all enjoyed it very much although probably not as much as Ernie Hunt did mind! But wasn't it great to see the former players? And didn't it stir a few memories of when I, and with respect you, were a little younger!

Many many thanks to all the members of the Committee that put in so much effort to prepare a lovely evening for everyone that attended.

I took great delight in parking my car in the middle of Charlton's car park, fairly well covered with Wolves stickers as it always is and with 3 Wolves flags flapping in the breeze for the whole evening. I am enjoying delving into Ernie's book "Joker in the Pack" at the moment, just the first few pages have already endeared me to him, what a character.

Aside from all that, Annette and I were fairly stunned when our envelope was pulled from the hat, my smiley faced envelope seems to have worked once again - amazing!

Once again many thanks for a lovely evening the other night. Lets hope its followed up by lots of success and smiles on the pitch and the terraces. I have just bought our tickets for the away game at Plymouth and I hope so much that its better than we put up last season. I usually enjoy the game more than the drive but last season the drive was by far the best bit of the day.

*Up the Wolves,
Tony and Annette Hughes*



Stuart,

On behalf of Jan and myself, I would like to thank you and all the fantastic people at the Wolves London Supporters Club, for the excellent hospitality on Saturday and Sunday.

Here's to the next forty years! The game may be different then, but WWLSC Club will still be around supporting their great club.

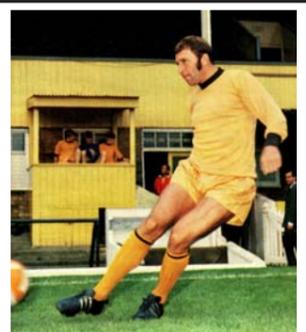
Regards,
John & Jan Holsgrove

Dear Stuart and all London Wolves members.

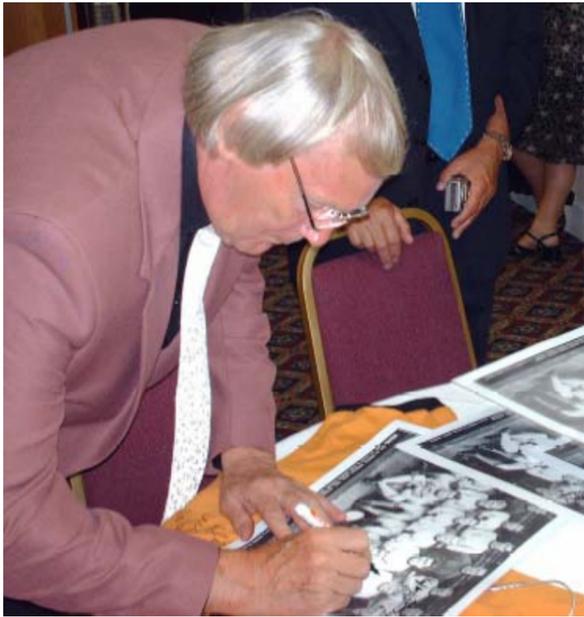
Many thanks for your generous hospitality on Saturday at the Valley. We had a fantastic evening and many thanks for the gift. Thank you so much for the beautiful bouquet I recieved today. It is absolutely enormous.

Thanks again.

Mike & Barbara Bailey.



40th Anniversary cont...



There were no end of items to be autographed including retro and current Wolves shirts, footballs, match-day programmes, books and photographs. The menu, a reproduction of the first WWLSC match v Plymouth, was a very popular signing piece. Here Dave Wagstaffe is signing some 1966/67 squad photo's.



Only the red seats in the background give the venue away - no... it wasn't Molineux. Considerable thanks are due to Richard Collins and everyone at Charlton FC for letting us turn their Millennium Suite into a Gold and Black home from home.



Ernie Hunt and Hugh McIlmoyle enjoy a pre-dinner joke



Ernie Hunt signs a ball for Dave Slape which later made its way in to the auction.



The players - Hugh McIlmoyle, Ernie Hunt, John Holsgrove, Dave Wagstaffe, Gerry Taylor, Frank Munro, Graham Hawkins, Terry Wharton, Fred Davis, Bobby Thompson and Mike Bailey



WWLSC balloons adorned the tables, walls and anything else Sarah and her volunteer team could attach them to.



Stuart Earl, WWLSC Chairman, addresses the audience. Messages were received from Sir Jack (WWFC President), The Doog (WWLSC Life President) and Mick McCarthy (WWFC Manager)

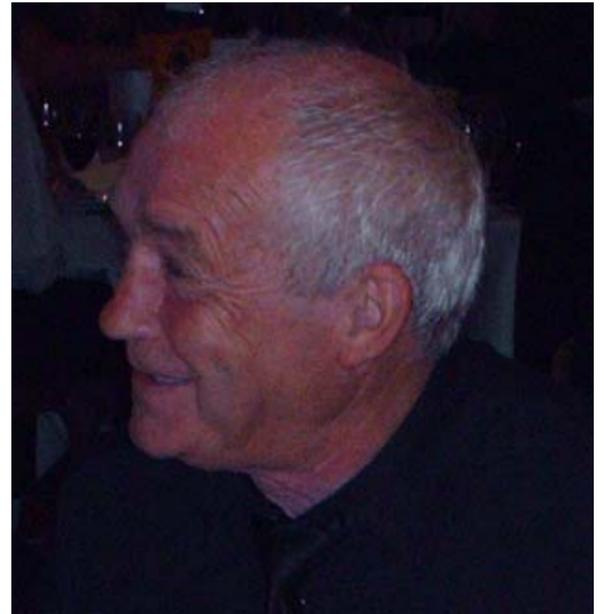
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Fred Davis



John Holsgrove



Terry Wharton



Bobby Thompson



Ernie Hunt



King John Richards



Mike Bailey



Dave Wagstaffe



Graham Hawkins

40th Anniversary cont...



*John Richards
Honorary President
WWLSC*



Stefan Leonard co-ordinates the items for the auction and raffle. This retro shirt signed by the 1966 players attending the dinner was won by Alan 'Nobby' Blount.



That shirt in close-up.



There were signed footballs too - some signed by the 1966 team whilst this one was signed by the 2005/06 team and donated by WWFC.

Dear Stuart and all members of WWLSC,

Can I say thank you for a wonderful evening at Charlton on the occasion of your Anniversary Dinner. It was a very special night and it was lovely to see so many old friends and former colleagues.

Pam and I had a fabulous time. I have spoken to some of the other players who were there and they were overwhelmed by the reception and hospitality they received too.

It was a lovely evening with a friendly, relaxed atmosphere and very enjoyable company. I know only too well that such events take a lot of planning and work, so please can you pass on our thanks to everyone involved in organising the evening.

Of course, there was the issue of the hotel without a bar (the only one in London I believe) but I think, with hindsight, it was probably a blessing in disguise. Can you imagine what state Ernie would have been in if he'd started drinking in the hotel before he went to dinner!

On a final note, Pam asks me to thank you for the beautiful flowers, they arrived safely.

I look forward to meeting up again soon. My sincere thanks once again.

Kind regards,

John.

PS - The changes to the Board can only be for the better. I know the two new directors, they will certainly have a great affinity with the fans.



Hello Stuart,

Terence and I would like to thank you and the London Wolves Supporters Club for inviting us to your 40th Anniversary.

It was a wonderful evening with all the "old players" and the wonderful Wolves supporters. As usual Stuart you looked after us marvelously.

When I arrived home from work tonight Stuart there was a beautiful bouquet of flowers on the doorstep. Thank you very much.

We look forward to seeing you when you are down for a game.

Best wishes,

Sue and Terry Wharton



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Stuart,

I know you were getting a bit fed up with phone calls and texts (particularly off Fred Davis for directions - I am sure he passed us in the opposite direction in the Blackwall Tunnel) so I decided to leave you in peace and send you a mail to say thanks to you all for a wonderful weekend.

No doubt you and the rest of the crew finished the weekend in the same manner it started.

Thanks again,

*David Dungar
Chaucer Group*

Travel News



Travel Details: August - September

Provisional travel arrangements for matches during August 2006 and December 2006 are:-

Meeting place:

Euston Station concourse outside main ticket office, at least 20 minutes before train departure.

Fare : Members £16; Guests £19

HOME MATCHES

Sat 26/8/06 v Luton Town Kick off 15:00

·Outward - Depart Euston 09:20
- Arrive Wolves 12:06
·Return - Depart Wolves 17:18
- Arrive Euston 19:54

Tue 12/9/06 v Derby County Kick off 15:00

Outward - Depart Euston 14:30
- Arrive Wolves 16:36
·Return - Depart Wolves 22:39
- Arrive Euston 01:01

Sat 23/9/06 v Stoke City Kick off 15:00

Train times as per Luton (above)

Sat 14/10/06 v Colchester Kick off 15:00

Train times as per Luton (above)

Tue 13/10/06 v Coventry Kick off 19:45

Train times as per Derby (above)

Sat 28/10/06 v Sheff Weds Kick off 15:00

Train times as per Luton (above)

Sat 4/11/06 v Southend Kick off 15:00

Train times as per Luton (above)

Sat 25/11/06 v Sunderland Kick off 15:00

Train times as per Luton (above)

Tue 28/11/06 v Palace Kick off 19:45

Train times as per Derby (above)

AWAY MATCHES

The following times are provisional. Please contact the Travel Secretary for confirmation of travel arrangements. Please also note that the majority of away matches are likely to be all-ticket for Wolves fans.

Sat 19/8/06 v Burnley Kick off 15:00

ALL-TICKET MATCH - FARE To Be Advised
·Outward - Depart Kings Cross 08:10
- Arrive Leeds 10:37
- Depart Leeds 10:51
- Arrive Burnley 11:57
·Return - Depart Burnley 18:28
- Arrive Leeds 19:37
- Depart Leeds 20:15
- Arrive Kings Cross 22:49

Wed 23/8/06 v Chesterfield Kick off 19:45

ALL-TICKET MATCH - Carling Cup
No official club trip arranged. Any member wishing to travel please contact the travel secretary.

Sun 10/9/06 v Leeds Utd Kick off 1:15

ALL-TICKET MATCH
Due to the early kick-off there is no official club trip. Any member wishing to travel please contact the travel secretary.

Sat 16/9/06 v Barnsley Kick off 15:00

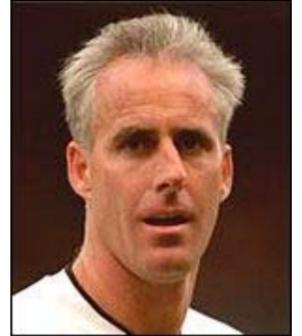
ALL-TICKET MATCH - FARE To Be Advised
·Outward - Depart St Pancras 08:25
- Arrive Sheffield 10:47
·Return - Depart Sheffield 18:00
- Arrive St Pancras 20:48
(Local trains between Sheffield & Barnsley)

Sat 30/9/06 v Cardiff Kick off 15:00

ALL-TICKET MATCH - FARE To Be Advised
·Outward - Depart Paddington 09:45
- Arrive Cardiff 11:45
·Return - Depart Cardiff 18:25
- Arrive St Pancras 20:29

Mick McCarthy

Born in Barnsley McCarthy made his league debut for Barnsley F.C. in 1977. A strong central defender, after 272 appearances for Barnsley, went to Manchester City F.C. (1983-87), Celtic (1987-1989), Olympique Lyonnais (1989-90) and finally Millwall F.C. His Irish father, Charles McCarthy, ensured his eligibility for selection for the Republic of Ireland and he made his international debut for them in 1984. Mick won 57 caps up to June 1992 and was the well-respected Captain. The biggest feat for "Captain Fantastic" was in the 2nd round penalty shoot out win over Romania in Italia '90 which led to a quarter final tie with the hosts. Although Ireland were beaten 1-0 they were hard opponents and unfortunate not to progress to the semi-finals. Mick joined Millwall in March 1990 and became player-manager in 1992. After relative success at Millwall on February 5, 1996 McCarthy was appointed successor to Jack Charlton as the Republic of Ireland manager. Millwall were relegated that season under Jimmy Nicholl.



Manager of Ireland

Ireland qualified for the 2002 FIFA World Cup in Korea and Japan but their tournament was overshadowed by a very public and bitter spat between McCarthy and Captain Roy Keane, who was sent home by the manager without having kicked a ball. McCarthy had a relatively successful campaign, reaching the 2nd Round only to be eliminated by Spain in a penalty shootout. The media's vilification became increasingly intense and personal after a poor start to their qualifying campaign for Euro 2004 and on November 5 2002, McCarthy resigned. His record as the Eire manager was good - won 29, drew 19, and lost 20.

Manager of Sunderland

On 12 March 2003 he was appointed manager of struggling Sunderland with the club facing near-certain relegation. McCarthy could not stop the slide and they were relegated at the end of the season. The following season, McCarthy took them to the 1st Division playoffs but lost in a penalty shootout to Crystal Palace. This was a fine achievement considering the players sold and huge debt that the club were in. McCarthy completed the recovery of the club in the 2004/2005 season when they secured automatic promotion to the top flight on 23 April 2005 along with the Championship title. After a disappointing season and with the club 16 points from safety with 10 games remaining, Mick McCarthy was dismissed as manager of Sunderland on 6 March 2006.

Manager of Wolverhampton Wanderers

McCarthy was appointed manager of Wolves, replacing Glenn Hoddle on 21 July 2006.

Any member wishing to book a train ticket for travel to home or away matches from Euston, must now contact the Travel Secretary AT LEAST 10 DAYS prior to the match. Bookings for travel with other train operators, must be made 3-4 weeks before the match. This is because early booking is essential in order to obtain the cheapest tickets. Fares will be collected on the outward journey. Payments in advance are accepted. Cheques/P.O.'s payable to WWLSC.

Any member booking a train ticket, who subsequently cannot travel, must contact the Travel Secretary at least 10 days before the match to cancel, or they will have to pay for the ticket. This also applies to members who book a ticket and fail to show up on the day, as the train companies will not offer any refunds on unsold tickets, except in exceptional circumstances.

Members requiring match tickets for HOME matches please contact Travel Secretary AT LEAST 16 DAYS prior to match. Please enclose s.a.e. with postal applications.

Please note that for all-ticket away matches where Wolves allocation is limited, ONLY AWAY SEASON TICKET HOLDERS CAN BE GUARANTEED A MATCH TICKET. Tickets for every away match go on sale 21 days before the match to away season ticket holders & also to home season ticket holders, unless Wolves have a limited allocation. Home season ticket holders can apply for away tickets, by ringing the ticket office on 0870 442 0123 between 9 am - 5 pm, and giving their Supporter Number.

There are 7 club season tickets available to members on a match to match basis. Full match day price will be charged. Members must travel on the official club trip for the particular game for which the ticket is required.

Please note that dates and times of matches are likely to change due to Sky Sports live coverage.

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MIDDLE ROW: STEVE KEMP (PHYSIO), MARK JAMES (MASSEUR), KEVIN O'CONNOR, MARK LITTLE, JAMIE CLAPHAM, DANIEL JONES, LEE NAYLOR, SEYI OLOFINJANA, ROB EDWARDS, KEITH LOWE, MARTIN RILEY, CRAIG DAVIES, KUNLE ODETOYINBO (FITNESS COACH), BARRY HOLMES (PHYSIO).

FRONT ROW: TERRY CONNOR (COACH), MARK DAVIES, MARK CLYDE, LEON CLARKE, CARL CORT, JODY CRADDOCK, MICK MCCARTHY (MANAGER), IAN EVANS (ASSISTANT MANAGER), GARY BREEN, GABOR GYEPES, JAY BOTHROYD, GUILHERME FINKLER, JACKIE MCNAMARA, BOBBY MIMMS (GOALKEEPING COACH)

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