First of all, thank you to everyone who emailed in saying you were glad to see the return of our Wembley Newsletter. It is always nice to get feedback on the things we do here at Wembley Stadium.

Having an open line of communication with the community is important to us. Please do feel free to get in touch about something you read about in this issue or anything in general about events at the stadium.

With the winter break now behind us we are back into event season. The season kicked off in grand style last month with 87,000 attending the 2023 Carabao Cup Final. The first event of the year is always a nervous one for everyone here at Wembley, but I was delighted with how the operation went on the day, for what was a high-profile match between two teams who have not been to Wembley for quite a while.

Looking ahead we have the England men’s team playing their first home fixture of 2023 on 26 March when they take on Ukraine. The England women’s team will then be in action ten days later when they take on South American champions Brazil in the first ever Women’s Finalissima match on 6 April. Both games have already sold out.

In between those two fixtures is the Papa Johns Trophy Final (2 April) with Bolton and Plymouth expected to generate one of the biggest crowds ever for that particular fixture.

Elsewhere, 28 April will see Wembley celebrate its 100th birthday. Our Wembley memories campaign has received some fantastic submissions and it was heart-warming to see so many stories from people who have a real affinity with the stadium which they will cherish forever. You can see a small selection of the entries on page six of this newsletter. To view more, head to the Wembley 100 page on our website and take a look.

Also, keep an eye on the stadium on the day of the anniversary. We will have several activations in place. There will also be more events throughout the year, including my own crazy idea to walk 100 laps of the stadium to raise funds for our chosen charity Alzheimer’s Society.

I have previously walked 50 laps for charity which took over 10 hours to complete (and left me feeling very sore). Not sure what I have got myself in for this time around, but I will be joined by several colleagues and, together, we hope to raise lots of money for such a wonderful cause.

Thank You
Liam Boylan, Stadium Director
A crowd of more than 87,000 descended on Wembley last month for the Carabao Cup Final between Newcastle United and Manchester United.

The event was hailed a success in regard to crowd control and limited incidents of anti-social behaviour. This was largely down to the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in place in and around the stadium on event days.

Part of the PSPO makes drinking alcohol in a public space an offence and since the introduction of the PSPO there has been a noticeable drop in the amount of anti-social behaviour on matchdays.

For this year’s final the local off-licences and supermarkets worked with Brent Council to ensure alcohol wasn’t supplied to those fans attending the event. Those that did come into the area with alcohol, were asked to dispose of it, which had a positive knock-on effect on the reduction of urination and litter that we saw present across the estate.

The new PSPO came into force on 1 February this year and below is an outline as to how it helps quell disorder in the Wembley area on event days.

**WHAT ARE PSPO’S**

Public spaces protection orders (PSPOs) are intended to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in a particular area that is detrimental to the local community’s quality of life, by imposing conditions on the use of that area which apply to everyone. They are designed to ensure the law-abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces, safe from anti-social behaviour.

A PSPO can be made for a maximum duration of up to three years, after which it may be extended, varied or discharged for up to a further 3 years.

Brent Council worked with the Police and partners to review the existing PSPOs. Part of this review included ensuring they are still proportionate and effective. Part of the decision to make one singular PSPO with varying prohibitions across different areas, formed part of this review.

If anyone fails to meet the requirements of the PSPO or to comply with a request from a police office, police community support officer (PCSO) or authorised council officer, they could be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) of £100 or prosecuted. However, these measures are designed to deal with anti-social behaviour where it is or is likely to cause a nuisance. Authorised officers will take a proportionate and common-sense approach in their application.

**REPORTING PSPO BREACHES**

The new PSPO provides a new reporting tool which allows members of the public to report breaches.

Notices are provided around the Wembley Park area and in the bottom right-hand corner of the notices, you will find a QR code which can be used to report a breach of the PSPO.

Breaches of the PSPO can also be reported via the following link www.brent.gov.uk/PSPO which also provides details on each of the prohibitions.

Brent Council continues to work collaboratively to ensure the Borough remains a safe place to live, work and visit.
WEMBLEY 100 – MAGIC MEMORIES

Earlier, this year, as part of our Wembley 100 celebrations, we launched an online campaign to hear people’s most magical memories of Wembley Stadium.

We wanted to find out why Wembley holds a special place in people’s hearts and what were their standout moments over the last 100 years.

We were deluged with entries. More than 1,600 people from across the country sent in their memories. Below is a selection of some of the best memories so far including several local submissions. To view all the submissions visit the Wembley 100 hub on our website www.wembleystadium.com

To be honest my love for Wembley isn’t in isolation of my being. I am a local lass and so the essence of Wembley runs in my veins!!! The image attached are snippets in recent years by way of a collage but if I were to have a book it’d be filled on chapters upon chapters of our beloved Wembley through the years.

Glory Nero

As a local resident and always dreaming of visiting the stadium, my dream came true in 2008 when I participated in the Umbro 5’s alongside England’s most capped player ever Fab Williams MBE.

Not only did we win but we went unbeaten, which was an unbelievable achievement as a young black girl who went to school in Brent!

Earth Pond

I was able to take my dad to see Italy v Argentina for the Finalissima last June. He was born in Italy (so a huge fan of the Azzurri) and it was our first time at Wembley and it was incredible. I am also a huge fan of Messi so that was equally amazing to see him win a trophy and watch his brilliance in person.

It was a special day for us both and it is a marvellous stadium.

Emilie Casciature

17 November 2015. Wembley hosted England vs France in solidarity with the whole French nation after the series of terrorist attacks in Paris, and at the abandoned France vs Germany football match at the Stade de France only five days earlier. Wembley was lit up in the tricolor and the whole stadium sang ‘La Marseillaise’ before kick-off. Football, uniting nations and people. Stunning stuff!

Stephen Sinkina

Wembley has started to feel more of a home and safe place rather than just a stadium. I have been privileged to attend events which have always been the best memories. From watching my first concert with Rihanna to my most recent of Harry Styles or being able to watch football fixtures such as England vs USA to FA cups supporting my football club! I can’t wait for many more memories that will come out of Wembley in the future, so thank you Wembley for the joy you’ve given me.

Meghan McHultry

I have lived in the shadow of Wembley Stadium for 30 years. I have been privileged to be present at many great concerts including seeing my hero George Michael perform the first concert at the new stadium. I have also witnessed some fantastic sporting events most notably the Women’s European final, but the most memorable thing for me about Wembley is the great friends I have met and made. Wembley is truly my second home. Long may it stand as the nation’s greatest stadium.

Coral Wood

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DIARY DATES

MARCH 2023
SUNDAY 26
England v Ukraine

APRIL 2023
SUNDAY 2
Papa John’s Trophy Final
THURSDAY 6
Women’s FA Cup Final
SATURDAY 22
FA Cup Semi-Final 1
SATURDAY 23
FA Cup Semi-Final 2

MAY 2023
SATURDAY 13
Vansarama Play Offs
SUNDAY 14
Women’s FA Cup Final
SATURDAY 24
FA Vase & Trophy Final Day
SATURDAY 27
Play Off Final 1
SUNDAY 28
Play Off Final 2
MONDAY 29
Play Off Final 3

JUNE 2023
SATURDAY 3
Mens FA Cup Final
TUESDAY 13
Harry Styles
WEDNESDAY 14
Harry Styles
FRIDAY 16
Harry Styles
SATURDAY 17
Harry Styles

WOMEN’S FA CUP FINAL SET TO BREAK MORE RECORDS

More than 40,000 tickets have now been sold for this season’s Vitality Women’s FA Cup Final. The showpiece event, which will be held on Sunday 14 May at Wembley Stadium, has seen over 10,000 tickets issued in the last five weeks since the 30k mark was reached, highlighting the appetite for female football.

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Tickets for the men’s game with Australia will be announced later this year.

EVENT DAY ROAD CLOSURES

To ensure the safe movement of pedestrians on events days it is necessary to implement a series of road closures in and around Wembley Stadium.

The closures are coordinated between the Stadium and Brent Council. We would like to thank you for your co-operation during these periods and per to keep you updated prior to each event.

ROAD CLOSURES ON EVENT DAYS AT WEMBLEY

FULL CLOSURES

SOUTH WAY (Wembley Hill Road to First Way from W-E)
FULTON ROAD
ENGINEERS WAY
PACIFIC CRESCENT
ATLANTIC CRESCENT

All full road closures are implemented 4 hours prior to KO / event start and removed 2 hours after the event end*

*see event day road closures

OTHER ROAD CLOSURES

WEMBLEY HILL ROAD - Closed in both directions between South Way and the Wembley Triangle 30 minutes before the event end and until 2 hours post event

EMPIRE WAY - Closed southbound only between Wembley Park Drive and South Way from 30 minutes before event end and until 2 hours post event

LONDON ROAD - Closed between Wembley High Road and Cecil Avenue from event start until 2 hours post event.

DARINGTON MANOR DRIVE - Access for local residents only from 3 hours pre-event until 2 hours post event.

ECCLESTONE PLACE - closed from event start until 2 hours post event.

SOCCEROOS TO VISIT WEMBLEY

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