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Wolverhampton Wanderers
London Supporters Club

40th Anniversary Dinner

Saturday 22nd July



At 'The Valley', Home of Charlton Athletic Football Club

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Editorial

- Philip O'Connor

When I volunteered to pull together this brochure to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of London Wolves I thought it would be an easy task despite the fact that I hadn't even been born when the club was founded! How wrong I was. Despite all the memories that must be stored in members heads of trips and matches it has proved almost impossible to dislodge them. I'm enormously grateful to those members who have taken the time and effort to contribute. Those members who are reading this and thinking they have better stories than the ones published can jot them down now in preparation for the 50th Anniversary where I'm sure a similar project will be attempted.

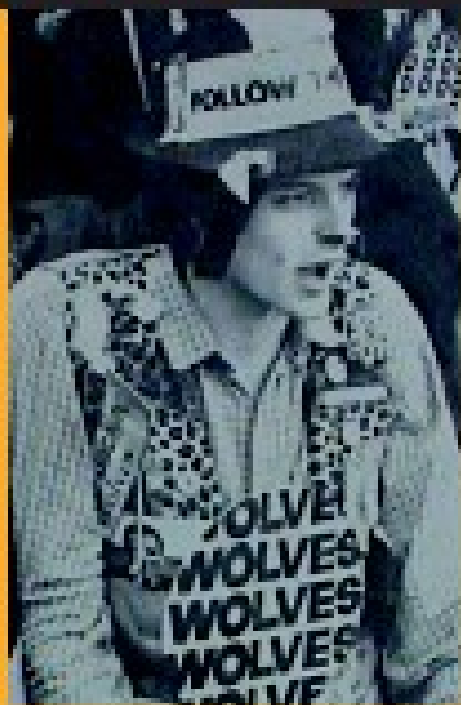
My thanks go to Committee members Stuart Earl, Dave Slape, Peter Woodfield, Peter Bartlett, John Engleman and Dave Hodges for their assistance in pulling this together.

Particular thanks go to Peter Bartlett who provided loads of London Wolves and team memorabilia for me to plough through. With Special thanks also to '60s member Terry Lynch and Mark Fidler at Tower Press whose excellent printing services have enabled this brochure to be with you tonight.

Thanks to Bob Goddard, Mick Fiebo and Alan Taylor for their contributions and to the various authors of books published about Wolves that I have scoured through looking for articles and photographs to reproduce here. It has not been an easy task.

I'm a Wolves fan because my family were Wolves fans and my dad took me to games whenever he could - its in my blood. I joined London Wolves in January 1988 when I found myself sitting opposite Dave Slape on the train following a 4-0 home win against Brentford in the Sherpa Van trophy (Bully (3), Dennison). I'd always made my own way to games before but welcomed the chance to join up with a group of fellow fans. Shift and Saturday work prevented me attending many matches but the Club were always welcoming on the few occasions that allowed me to use their services. Even attending one trip a season using the subsidised train fare makes the membership fee a bargain and being kept in touch with news and events at Molineux makes it all worthwhile. Hence I got more involved once work conditions allowed and I volunteered to produce the club newsletter and this commemorative brochure. I see it as a small way to give something back to the team I love.

My favourite match ever was a 1-0 win over Arsenal at Highbury the day before my birthday in 1979 when John Richards, returning from a 5 month injury lay-off, netted the winner in front of the North Bank. The bragging rights at school that week were brilliant.



You probably saw the same faces commuting on the 09.15 out of Paddington, but on a Saturday these faces changed a little, and were replaced by younger noisier people wearing the colours of Wolverhampton Wanderers and after several weeks the theme of the conversation turned to getting to the match more cheaply and therefore more often.

Some of the names are still on the train, but gone are the noisy steam engine, the dirty carriages and the four hour journey (sometimes), the return fare of £1 8s 0d, to be replaced with the London Supporters Club as we know it today.

There was a hurriedly arranged first Committee meeting, made up of anyone

who could be bothered really, held in sitting room of the children's home that my parents were running at the time. I can remember some of the names, Bill Curtis (The World Champion Train Spotter [verified in The Guinness Book Of Records]), who was elected Chairman but I think only because he was the oldest and most sensible, well certainly in everything apart from trains as Bill had a habit of disappearing at stations such as Crewe to enlarge his collection of engine numbers, Terry O'Connor, Dave Grafton, myself and Dave Slape.

These meetings were scheduled for after Top Of The Pops on a Thursday, as we sixteen/seventeen year olds would not budge before the no 1 record had been played.

I was chosen to arrange the coach and this proved more difficult than I expected, because these companies actually wanted full payment before they supplied the transport and I certainly could not afford that sort of cash. The prices quoted were between £20 and £30 and after many phone calls I finally found a company, Cresta Coaches, prepared to take us on the understanding that the full amount was paid, in cash, to the driver before departure from Elizabeth Bridge, Victoria. A quick divi up between the 31 travelling fans gave us a fare of 13 shillings (65p) for our inaugural trip against Plymouth Argyle FC.

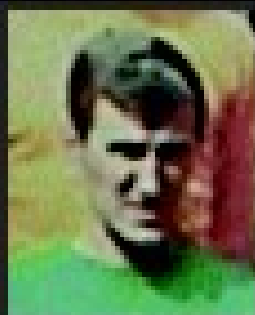
Forty years on, we have a lot of people to thank for our present position as a financially stable and well-run organisation, recognised by The Club, players, former players and various organisations all over the country.

It would not be fair not to bore you with the names of these past club servants, to whom both WWLSC and I owe so much gratitude in helping to put this Club where it is today. Tony Roche, our first newsletter editor, now rugby correspondent for The Sun, Bob Green, Chris Stonnell, Terry Peachey, Morris Jacobs, Martin Rutherford, Adrian Lewis, Peter Abbott, Tony Stewart (who ran the London Wolves football team), Ray Stock, Colin Whiting, Steve Roe, Sid Green, Brian Restall and Rob Broadley, plus any I have omitted to mention due to the advanced years.

With no disrespect to the previous incumbents, the present bunch that we have is the finest I have had the pleasure of working with and to them goes my heartfelt thanks, especially to Dave, John, Stefan and Phil, who have worked so hard to make tonight a success.

May we all have the good fortune to be here for the fiftieth anniversary.

I do hope that you all enjoy your evening.



1 - Fred Davies (1961-1968)

League Appearances	- 156
F.A.Cup Appearances	- 15
League Cup Appearances	- 2
Total Appearances	- 173

Rotherham Home

- Dave Slape

In 1967, the club coach departed from Fulham Broadway and on Saturday 8th April Wolves were to play Rotherham United at Molineux with a 7:30pm kick-off.

While we waited outside the Underground station hundreds of Chelsea and Sheffield Wednesday fans passed en route to Stamford Bridge for a F.A.Cup tie. We left at 2pm and as we travelled through Birmingham we passed the City's ground. At the final whistle of Blues' game their fans looked mystified at the sight of our lone coach journeying through their midst.

It was unusual to play on Saturday night in those days. Anyway, Wolves won 2-0 with goals from Ernie Hunt and Derek Dougan.

Leeds Utd Away, Sept '73

- Pete Woodfield

Steve Roe the Travel Secretary organised a minibus to the match as it was a midweek match. The company supplied their own driver. When on the M1 we noticed that the vehicle wasn't travelling at great speed and when we questioned the driver he remarked that the vehicle didn't have a top gear.

We continued travelling until we reached next service station at Toddington where he said he would get the problem fixed. After waiting what felt like an age, it seemed as if the garage couldn't fix the problem so we managed to contact a car hire firm to hire 2 cars. While waiting for the cars to arrive the minibus driver turned up and much to our surprise said the garage had fixed the problem. We therefore carried on with the journey but did not expect to make the kick-off. I'm not sure if the hire cars were delivered as we didn't wait to find out in view of the time.

After a few hair-raising moments

with the driver going out in front of juggernauts and shouting out "I can see them", we somehow to arrive at Leeds at about 7.15pm. The driver parked in a side street near the ground but when asked by the police to reverse back a few yards he remarked "I haven't got a reverse gear". Also the tax disc was out of date, but fortunately the police didn't notice.

Anyway, we got to the ground when the teams were warming up, but probably wished we hadn't made it to the game as Wolves lost 4-1 and Derek Parlin was sent-off.

Of course, the inevitable happened on the return journey as the minibus broke down at Harrow and we had to walk on the hard shoulder for the company to send out another minibus. I think it was around 4 o'clock the following morning before we got back to London. Steve also had to loan the driver some money to pay for the petrol.

Grimsby in the League Cup

- Dave Slape

Back in 1979 during the League Cup run to the final, Wolves played at Grimsby in the fifth round. There were 38 on the club trip which was not due to arrive back in London until 6am the next morning. As it was travel secretary, Terry Peachey's, birthday a party ensued all the way to Newark where we changed trains. The next train made an unscheduled stop at New Clee station, which was the nearest to Blundell Park. There the guard stood in the middle of the track holding a lamp and duly showed us to the exit gate to the ground.

After the match we journeyed home from Cleethorpes, where the driver came into the rail bar to hurry us on to the departing train. Stray Wolves fans boarded the train at New Clee and Grimsby Town en route for our interchange at Doncaster. We had a two hour stopover at 'Donny' and duly found a disco with an entrance fee of 60p, which included a free burger. After a few beers (I don't think anyone danced) we rejoined the trip for the final leg back to Kings Cross.

The match ended 0-0 followed by a 1-1 draw at Molineux before Wolves went through 2-0 in a second replay at Derby's ground with goals from Kenny Hibbitt and John Richards.



2 - Joe Wilson (1964-1967)

League Appearances - 58

F.A.Cup Appearances - 3

League Cup Appearances - 2

Total Appearances - 63



John Richards
Club Captain

Wolverhampton Wanderers F.C.
Molineux Ground
Wolverhampton

3rd August 1982

Dear Peter and all other members of L.S.C.

The reason I am writing this letter is to thank you, and all the people who were there, for a fabulous night at the dinner and disco. Pam and I really enjoyed ourselves. Everybody made us very welcome and we felt very much at ease. In fact I was so much at ease I had difficulty controlling my legs on the way back to the hotel (a point that Pam didn't fail to mention the following morning). Bless her.

Many thanks also for the donation to my testimonial fund. As I said on the night, your support over the years has been more than enough for me. Thanks for that too.

Good news about the club, isn't it? Especially with Derek taking over. There can't be too many supporters clubs with a football chairman as an honorary member.

Bye for now.

Newcastle Away

- Dave Slaps

Another horrible place to visit was Newcastle. In 1971 we went by van overnight, leaving St James Park tube station at midnight. A lilo, deck chairs and blankets were placed in the back of the van for comfort. Jeff Ball from Chigwell did most of the driving. Anyway, in the early hours of Saturday morning the van broke down near Newcastle. The RAG got us on our way and we parked by Leazes Park at about 6:30am. One of our number bought a Newcastle badge.

On the way home the van broke down again requiring another RAG call.

The total cost for repairs and petrol was £1.70 and Wolves lost 2-0.

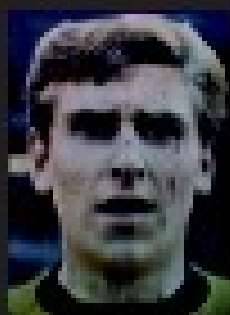
Oldham in the Cup

- Dave Slaps

Wolves were 2-0 down at Oldham in the F.A.Cup third round in 1967. Oldham at the time was made up of row after row of terraced housing and the club coach parked a mile from Boundary Park in one of these rows. Anyway, at 2-0 down with 5 minutes to play a few of us decided to head for the coach. We soon discovered we were lost and went back to the ground, we asked some Oldham fans the score and were met with scorn. Eventually we found some Wolves fans rejoicing a 2-2 draw, apparently Bailey and Thomson had both scored in the last minute. Dave Grafton from Plumstead got completely lost and got home on Sunday.

For the replay we travelled by National Coach and changed at Birmingham Digbeth. However, on the way home we went direct from Wolverhampton at 1-30am. To pass time we went to the bowling alley which was open until midnight, on this particular night we met Peter Knowles and his girlfriend there. We explained our situation and they invited us back to their house. Four of us squeezed into the rear of their Mini Cooper whilst Stuart had "knocker" sitting on his lap in the passenger seat. They fed us a hot snack before dropping us back at our coach pick-up point. We got back to Victoria Coach Station at about 6am.

(Dad's note: Wolves won the replay 4-2 with goals from Woodfield, Hunt, Wharton and Rollinson)



3 - Bobby Thomson (1961-1969)

League Appearances	- 277(1)	Goals	- 2
F.A.Cup Appearances	- 20	Goals	- 1
League Cup Appearances	- 2		
Total Appearances	- 299(1)	Goals	- 3



OUT OF DARKNESS COMETH LIGHT



Man City Away

- Dave Slape

In 1967, the coach to Manchester City had a mechanical problem on the M1 near Northampton. We changed to a substitute coach and eventually arrived at Maine Road at 4pm. Leaving our coats on the coach we ran around the stadium trying to find a turnstile open without success. At 4:20 the gates were opened for early departers and we scampered up the steps to the terrace just in time to see The Doog head the ball into the net. Joy turned to dismay when the goal was disallowed and we discovered City were 2-0 up. That was the scoreline at the end of the match and as we waited to be collected by the coach, it started to rain which soon turned into a deluge. Within a minute everyone was soaked.

On boarding the coach, clothes were removed and wrung out causing a stream of water. We were damp all the way back to Northampton where we changed to our original coach. Not a good day.

Derby Away

- Dave Slape

On Boxing Day 1966 the club minibus left St Pancras for Derby. On the previous Saturday two of our number heard a new chant at a non-Wolves game and taught the other ten of us en route to the Baseball Ground.

During the first half many of our attempts to start our version were suppressed. Anyway, in the second half it really took off and the whole away end blasted it out, on the way to a 3-0 win with goals from Wharton, Molimoye and Hatton.

Bristol City Away

- Dave Slape

In 1969 four of us went to Bristol City for a pre-season friendly. We travelled in Stuart's car but on the journey home we all dozed resulting in us mounting the grass central reservation.

There was a bit of a jolt before we carried on unscathed.

Forest problems

- Dave Slape

Club coach trips in the late sixties would take a break at Watford Gap on the way home. After a 0-0 draw at West Brom we stopped there and made our way to the pub, unfortunately one of our number shouted Millwall at some Nottingham Forest fans on their way home from Spurs. This did not go down well as, apparently, they'd had a run in with Millwall fans in the morning.

A few of us were in the pub when Forest fans came in inviting us to "come outside". We explained that we were Wolves fans and the bar staff threatened them with calling the Police. They left and after finishing our drinks we warily walked back to the coach where we found John Tobitt with a possible broken arm. John had held off the Forest fans but had caught his arm in the coach door in the struggle.

A visit to hospital back in London proved worry was unfounded.



4 - Mike Bailey (1965-1977)

League Appearances	- 360(1)	Goals	- 19
F.A.Cup Appearances	- 18(2)	Goals	- 2
League Cup Appearances	- 29		
European Appearances	- 9(1)	Goals	- 2
Other Appearances	- 16	Goals	- 2
Total Appearances	- 432(4)	Goals	- 25

A problem with authority

- Dave Slape

In the early years a few members crossed swords with authority. For instance Stuart Earl was ejected from Hillsborough in 1969 for complaining when The Doop was sent off against Sheffield Wednesday. Dave Bell suffered the same fate at West Brom in 1968 when Dave Wagstaffe was hacked down in the very first minute and Dave shouted "Book 'im Ref" just as a policeman was passed in front of him. The policeman clearly heard something a lot worse.

Gerry Hirth was ejected during a Rangers-Celtic chant at Hull City in the F.A.Cup again for being too close to a policeman.

Martin Rutherford was admonished for taking a call of nature on Preston Station.

Liverpool Away

- Dave Slape

Visiting Anfield in the 1970's was not a happy experience. The results were usually close, controversial and ended in defeat, also the fans were anything but friendly and it was usually safer to watch the match from the stand.

One season we were allocated seats 1-15 in the front row of the main stand, unfortunately these overlooked the Kop terrace. Fifteen young people without colours sitting in a row drew attention from those on the Kop below and we were pestered throughout the match. At the end of the game Keith from Romford bought a Liverpool scarf for self-protection. For future games at Anfield we either requested alternative seats or stood elsewhere.

Complete Professional

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Everton Away

- Dave Slape

Liverpool was always a dangerous place to visit so for the Everton game, in the 1975-76 season, several of us took cabs to Goodison Park and went into a pub opposite the ground.

Martin Rutherford was advised to remove his scarf by a friendly local, but he chose not to.

After a few beers we all crossed the road and entered the main paddock at the ground. After 30 minutes with Wolves attacking at every opportunity most of us went off to the toilet. We returned five minutes later to find Wolves were 3-0 down.

Wolves carried on attacking but still lost the match 3-0.



The great team that won the 1961/2 season in second place with promotion to Division 1.

Back row: David Barnside, David Woodfield, Ron Flowers, Gisle Hunt, Dave Wagstaffe.

Middle: Mike Bailey, Alan Evans, Phil Parke, John Makgona, Fred Goles, Bobby Thomson, Graham Heekins.

Front row: Derek Dougan, Les Wilson, Peter Knowles, Ronnie Allen, Terry Wharton, Pat Buckley, Gerry Taylor.



5 - David Woodfield (1961-1970)

League Appearances - 247(3) Goals - 13

F.A.Cup Appearances - 19 Goals - 1

League Cup Appearances - 7 Goals - 1

Total Appearances - 273(3) Goals - 15

Mr Stuart Earl
Chairman
Wolverhampton Wanderers
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May 2006

Dear Stuart,

Many thanks indeed for your kind invitation to the London Wolves dinner dance on July 22nd, unfortunately however I shall be unable to attend.

I do hope you have an enjoyable evening and thank you once again for the invitation.

Yours sincerely,

Ron Flowers

Mr Stuart Earl
Chairman
Wolverhampton Wanderers
London Supporters Club



Dear Stuart,

Thank you for notice of the Club's 40th year celebration dinner and dance on 22nd July. I regret that I can't join you for this special occasion because of family commitments, but please accept best wishes for an enjoyable anniversary event. What a pity I can't join you, I scored a rare goal at The Valley!

It's a disappointment that Wolves have missed out on the play-offs.

Best regards,

Bill Slater OBE CBE BSc (1952-1963)

League Appearances:	310	League Goals:	24
FA Cup Appearances:	23	FA Cup Goals:	1
European Cup Appearances:	6		
Total Appearances:	339	Total Goals:	25



6 - Ron Flowers (1952-1967)

League Appearances	- 467	Goals	- 33
F.A.Cup Appearances	- 31	Goals	- 4
European Appearances	- 11		
Other Appearances	- 3		
Total Appearances	- 512	Goals	- 37

**Memorable Trips:
Huddersfield Away, March
27th 1967
Stuart Earl**

Being further afield than the usual jaunt, London wolves left Victoria earlier than usual aboard our carrier, Cresta Coaches.

The first sign of any of the trouble that was to follow was when the engine sputtered and we stopped near Coventry. Whilst the problem was sorted the main body of travellers sought solace in a nearby pub (Ed: surprise, surprise). After a delay of some 50 minutes or so we set off on our merry way again. Kick-off time was fast approaching as we made our juddering journey to the outskirts of Huddersfield only to hear the engine die on a steep incline. Everyone (approx 15 people) jumped off and with great perseverance managed to push our ailing craft to the summit, jump back on board and coast down towards the distant floodlights.

Scurrying around the now shuttered turnstiles, we managed to find one that was open and running onto the terraces discovered Wolves were a goal to the good, courtesy of Terry Wharton. The time was 18:10.

There was no further score in the final third of the match. On returning to our stricken chariot we were informed that a replacement coach was on its way from London! As these were pre-National Express days there was no capacity simply to borrow another coach. The arrival time for the replacement was estimated as being after 10pm.

With nothing more to occupy our time, we sauntered round to the main entrance and waited to see the team onto their bus. I remember helping Sid the team driver to load the kit hamper and then started a conversation with a gentleman who enquired why we, with our London accents, were standing around in Huddersfield? On receiving my explanation he said why

not go home by train? and I assured him that could we afford to, we surely would. "What if I lent you the money and you return it to me by post?" Once my initial shock had subsided and the rest of the party had agreed, the gentleman disappeared into the main entrance and returned several minutes later, holding the said monies. On enquiring of his address he replied that I should send it to him care of the ground.

His name? Roger Kaye, Chairman of Huddersfield Town FC.

We arrived home by train earlier than anticipated, Mr Kaye's money was returned the following week and if my memory serves me well we at WNLBC, after a quick discussion, moved our business to Golden Miller coaches.

I often wonder how many Football Club Chairmen would do the same for a supporters club now.

Pictured below: 1974 League Cup Final squad. Back Row: Ed McGarry, Barry Powell, Derek Parke, John Richards, Frank Munn, Steve Knock, John McAle, Phil Parke, Garry Parke, Derek Dougan, Sammy Cheng. Front Row: Garry Taylor, Alan Sunderland, Dave Wagstaffe, Jim McCullough, Steve Daley, Geoff Palmer, Derek Jeffrey, Mike Bailey (Captain).



7 - Terry Wharton (1961-1968)

League Appearances	- 223(1)	Goals - 69
F.A.Cup Appearances	- 16	Goals - 9
League Cup Appearances	- 2	Goals - 1
Total Appearances	- 241(1)	Goals - 79



Somewhere in the fifties

- Dave Hodges

A London lad, it was either the blue and white or red and white, Spurs or Arsenal.

I came home to the excitement that Wolves were on the telly playing Moscow Spartak, win 4-0, love the name Wolves. Where's Wolverhampton? Doesn't matter as the Captain of England plays for them and they're the English Champions.

Eamon Andrews on 'Sports Report' says Wolves have increased their lead at the top of the table then Peter Dimmock on 'Sportsreview' says "there is a game going on at Molineux where Wolves are leading Fulham 8-0 and as I speak they have scored again".

(Ed: Sept 18 1959 Wolves 9 Fulham 0 Flowers, Clamp, Mason, Murray, Deaky (4), Broadbent).

Grandstand's David Coleman says "Murray and Mason have put Wolves two ahead" and then hears Broadbent has added a third.

(Ed: Mar 29 1960 Wolves 8 Burnley 1, Mervin (2), Mason, Murray, Home, Broadbent).

I go to Chelsea, had to get there by 12 or you would not get in, after all Wolves were going for a hat-trick of titles and the first League and Cup double of the century. Out come the home team in blue and then Wolves come out in gold! Gold! GOLD and BLACK that's it, I'm here for life and after Jimmy Greaves scored Wolves went on to win 5-1 (Ed: Apr 30 1960 Chelsea 1 Wolves 5 Flowers, Murray, Home (2), Broadbent).

Three wives, many addresses, lots of jobs. One team, Wolves.

Coach drivers

- Dave Slape

We had several coach drivers in the early days. Denis of Golden Miller was one and renowned for driving around Coventry roundabout several times and asking for directions to Glasgow whilst in the centre of Birmingham.

One particular driver had a plastic parrot on a perch. On a return trip the bird was absent much to his annoyance. He found it eventually, on the floor.

A lady driver liked a quiet coach with no bad language. Once, on boarding the coach after a win, one of our number started a chant which filled the rest of the party with increasing unease as they responded. The chant went, give us an "TTTTTT" to which everyone responded "TTTTTT", the caller requested a "uuuuuuuuu" and slightly nervously the response came back "uuuuuuuu" and was roundly met with a cry for "ooooooo" at which point the response came back quietly and nervously especially as the driver was now taking considerable interest. The caller, rather than move on to the inevitable letter instead started singing the Dionne Warwick classic "Walk On By"...

"F U C me walking down the street"... much to the enjoyment and laughter of all.



8 - Ernie Hunt (1965-1968)

League Appearances	- 74	Goals	- 32
F.A.Cup Appearances	- 7	Goals	- 3
League Cup Appearances	- 1		
Total Appearances	- 82	Goals	- 35

On this day in history

1951: Double-agent breaks out of jail

- One of Britain's most notorious double-agents, George Blake, escapes from prison in a daring break-out believed to have been masterminded by the Soviet Union.

1990: Angl Sea is 'world's worst disaster'

- Scientists tell the Royal Geographical Society how irrigation has destroyed what was once the world's fourth largest fresh water sea.

1974: Bomb blast in London

club - A bomb explodes in a restaurant near to where opposition leader Edward Heath is dining in London.

1983: CND: march attracts

biggest ever crowd - Thousands gather in London to support the CND in their protest over the use of nuclear missiles.

2001: UK braced for more

flooding - The UK prepares for more rain in what are thought to be the worst floods for twenty years.

1962: Cuban Missile Crisis

- In a televised speech of extraordinary gravity, President John F. Kennedy announces that U.S. spy planes have discovered Soviet missile bases in Cuba. These missile sites housed medium-range missiles capable of striking a number of major cities in the United States, including Washington, D.C. Kennedy described the findings as a "clandestine, reckless, and provocative threat to world peace."

1964: Sartre wins and declines

Nobel Prize - Jean-Paul Sartre is awarded the Nobel Prize for literature, which he declines.

THIS WOLVES LINE-UP NEEDS ANOTHER CHANCE

Wolves 2, Plymouth Argyle 1.

BY PHIL MORGAN

ALTHOUGH the struggle Wolves had to get a narrow margin win over the impressive Plymouth, there must have been many a supporter wondering whether this, as team manager Ronnie Allen had claimed, really was the strongest side the club could field at the moment.

Was it entirely reasonable, however, to expect the eleven to hit top scorers' form at virtually their first time of asking, when we consider the background, and the occasion?

THEY STARTING, for instance,

did not pick up the tempo immediately. But was this any wonder after his longest lay-off? BARRY THOMPSON had what looked to be moments of brittle nervousness. Was this so strange after the shock of his recent sudden dropping? DAVE BURNHIDE looked at times to be trying too hard to do the right thing. Was this surprising for a conscientious character who might feel his imperfection carries a special responsibility?

Yet for all this Wolves ran and the team, at times, particularly in

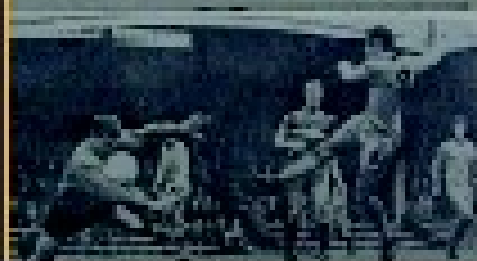
the second half—when the goals were scored impressively enough to suggest they might settle down to be as powerful in action as they undoubtedly look on paper.

TIMELY RETURN

It was David Woodfield, returning to carry on where he left off, who set things going with the first goal, a nice looking header in the 66th minute. And this after he and Flowers had largely cancelled out the dual menace of Bickle and Reynolds.

Then Ernie Hunt came on the scene with an opportunistic goal five minutes from time to give only three more to the rest which Piper snatched for Argyle two minutes later.

Hunt's goal came after Shearling had failed to hold a Terry Winstanley whir-bait which put the accent on the part played in the second half by both wingers and, right through the game by Dave Wagstaffe, who had a field day.



In The Charts - 22nd October 1966:

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| 1 Distant Drums, Jim Reeves | 8 You can't hurry love, The Supremes. |
| 2 Bend Sin, Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick & Tich | 9 All I see is you, Dusty Springfield. |
| 3 Reach out (I'll be there), The Four Tops. | 10 Lady Godiva, Peter & Gordon. |
| 4 I've got you under my skin, The Four Seasons. | 11 Topsoooo soon toooooo know, Roy Orbison. |
| 5 Have you seen your mother baby standing in the shadows?, The Rolling Stones. | 12 A fool am I, Cilla Black. |
| 6 Walk with me, The Seekers. | 13 More than love, Ken Dodd. |
| 7 I'm a boy, The Who. | 14 Ashes to ashes, The Mindbenders. |
| | 15 No milk today, Herman's Hermits. |



9 - Hugh McIlmoyle (1964-1967)

League Appearances	- 90	Goals - 35
F.A.Cup Appearances	- 12(1)	Goals - 10
League Cup Appearances	- 2	
Total Appearances	- 104(1)	Goals - 45

The people you meet

- Mike Field

When I was a boy I used to watch the Miss World competitions, in a non-sexist way of course. The contestants always, and I mean always, said if they won then they wanted to travel and meet people.

Well they should have joined London Wolves.

On their travels they would have met some wonderful characters: Charles Manson, Dick The Tic, Hattie Jacques, House Plant, Car Rug, Car Accident, Jaunty, Grapefruit, Dinner Jacket, Pizzaman, It's not called Chimes, Charlotte Dumping, Aylesbury Duck, Two Phones Paul and my favourite "I had to take the taste of the pies away".

Can you believe that no less than three Miss Worlds opted for George Best rather than travel with us? If only they had known what they were missing.



Why I Joined London Wolves

- John Engleman

After travelling on my own for some four years to Wolverhampton to watch the Wolves, along came this advertisement, which read "anyone who travels to Wolves games, come and join our supporters club". I used to think I was the only supporter living in London. The first game I saw with the club, was against Coventry City. With my brother we met at Fulham Broadway for our coach trip to the game. I think the fare was 12s 6d and after 40 years the fares are still very reasonable.

You meet a lot of friends/mates on the trains (got rid of the

coaches) and you get a good laugh which does beat traveling on your own. I do get it in the head when playing cards with the Chairman, who often calls me a pillock. I don't think he likes getting beat. Our good secretary, Dave Blape, has been trying for forty years to make us laugh at one of his jokes. Not a titter can be heard. Maybe we will get a good one before our old age pension (Don't hold your breath).

May I say from my point of view a lot of hard work goes into making a successful club function and excluding my minor role, I'd like to thank all the committee who volunteer in making London Wolves the success it is.



10 - David Burnside (1966-1968)

League Appearances - 38(2) Goals - 5

F.A.Cup Appearances - 1

League Cup Appearances - 2

Total Appearances - 41(2) Goals - 5

From the terraces

- Dave Slape

To the tune of Onward Christian Soldiers...

Onward go the Wanderers, to Division 1,
With the head of Mollmoyle, victory will be won,
If Knowles is on form, we will lick 'em all,
Balley's throw, Thomson's speed, Emile's on the ball,
Flowers is the king, Knowles is inside,
Waggy's on the wing, he helps to turn the tide,
From defeat to victory, from the bottom to the top,
We have all got great team spirit, promotion will be got.



Tyne-side travels

- Dave Slape (Secretary)

The last two games of the 1968-69 season were Sunderland away on the Saturday and Newcastle United on the Bank Holiday Monday. The Sunderland game was played in glorious sunshine unlike a rain-soaked game a couple of days later. Five of us went for the weekend in Stuart Earl's Morris Minor, camping in South Shields. The sun of Saturday gave way to rain on Sunday and Monday. Had the Newcastle game not been the last game of the season, I doubt it would have been played that day, the weather was so bad. There were puddles the length of the pitch and surface water elsewhere.

Anyway, we were grateful to be given stand tickets by none other than Derek Dougan, who saw us huddled outside when the team arrived. The only cover at St James Park in those days were the Leazes End (Home fans) and the Main Stand, so we were saved from a further soaking. Incidentally, Wolves lost 2-0 at Sunderland and 4-1 at Newcastle.

Late arrivals

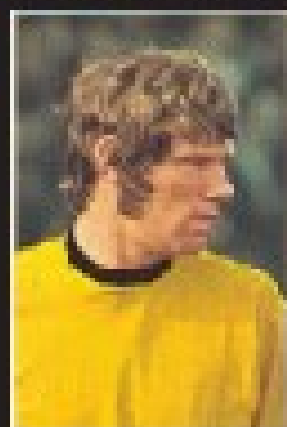
- Dave Slape

Apart from Huddersfield and Manchester City in 1967, when the club trips missed 30 minutes and 70 minutes respectively, coach travel was cheap and effective. When the cost rose the club changed to chartering ten or more seats from British Rail starting with Burnley away in the F.A.Cup in 1970. In the early 70's fifty plus members would attend home matches and about 30 went to away games. Things went smoothly until September 1974 versus Leicester City when we arrived at half-time with the scoring complete at 1-1 (Richards). A year later we missed the first 15 minutes versus Manchester United at Molineux where several members left the train by scrambling down a railway embankment before hurrying to

the ground.

In future we departed from Euston earlier but nothing prepared us for the final match of the 1984-85 season at Blackburn. A derailment at Wembley on the Friday night disrupted all trains in and out of Euston on Saturday morning. After originally being recommended to travel from St. Pancras station a single train was put on from Euston to Preston via Reading. Unfortunately it broke down in West London. Eventually it arrived in Reading at 12:30, too late for Preston and Blackburn. Some of us went to Aldershot v Hereford United where ex Wolves players Tommy Langley and Paul Butler faced each other.

Only Stan Armett got to Blackburn after travelling via Sheffield.



11 - Dave Wagstaffe (1964-1976)

League Appearances	- 324	Goals	- 26
F.A.Cup Appearances	- 31	Goals	- 2
League Cup Appearances	- 23	Goals	- 1
European Appearances	- 14	Goals	- 1
Other Appearances	- 12	Goals	- 1
Total Appearances	- 404	Goals	- 31

How it all started

- Bob Goddard

I can remember watching West Ham v Wolves in the early 1960's and staying after the game to get Peter Broadbent's autograph. I also recall going to the Infamous Southampton defeat at the Dell, 9-3 It was. I think I should have stopped then but no, I carried on.

It was at Charlton away in February 1967 that I met a group of Wolves supporters who gave me a small piece of paper with Stuart's name and address on it and suggested I join the newly formed Wolverhampton Wanderers London Supporters Club. I also met a fabulous woman that day, Mary Robinson, who agreed to send me the Sporting Star as we had no Wolves reports to read in the South unless Wolves played a southern or London team.

Mary became a wonderful friend sending me programmes, badges and papers including a priceless piece of memorabilia in the form of a pair of tiny football boots with the player autographs on the soles. They are still on display on shelves in my living room.

Mary encouraged me to come to Wolverhampton to see Wolves at home. So I took the plunge and booked up to travel to Derek Dougan's home debut match against Hull City in March 1967.



I stood on the North Bank terrace, not knowing anyone, and waited in anticipation along with 30,990 others. The Doog scored and the atmosphere rose, he scored again and it rose even more.

It was then that it happened, kicking towards the North Bank, racing on to a cross from the right The Doog flicked the ball into the air with his heel, raced on to it and blasted an unstoppable volley for his hat-trick.

Everyone surged forward carrying me with them, I cried my eyes out with joy. I realised then that this was the life I wanted. Molineux is where I wanted to be.

And so, nearly 40 years on and many games I still get a kick coming to Wolverhampton and meeting my friends. Long may it continue.

(Ed: Wolves 4 Hull City 0 Dougan (3), Knowles.)

I blame Bob Goddard

- Alan Taylor

There I was, an innocent autograph hunter at Aldershot Town when I met Bob "aaaarrgggghhh!"

"Come to Pompey v Wolves next week" he said, "ok" I said. Half-time Pompey 2 Wolves 0 but a good crack. Second half, Hunt, Bailey and Peter Knowles score. 2-3 to Wolves with the fans going ballistic. First sighting of Stuart Earl (wish it had been the last!), I thought "I like this". Next game Millwall away! How I went to another one is a miracle, I've never seen so much agro. I was 15 and a half and terrified! Anyway since then I've seen about 600 games, spent £1,000's but had a really good time. If it wasn't for Morris Jacobs I'd have spent even more but through him I ended up on the Isle of Wight, in France, Holland and Greece and I still love going to the Wolves although it sometimes feels, nowadays, that its a good day out spoiled by football.

The best game I've witnessed... obviously the Play-Off final, it's the only time I've cried at a game. Best performance was January 8th 1972, Manchester United 1, Wolves 3 (McCalliog, Richards and Dougan)



12 - Graham Hawkins (1964-1967)

League Appearances - 28(6)

League Cup Appearances - 1

Total Appearances - 29

(As Manager - Played 88, Won 26, Drew 27, Lost 35)



Ernie Hunt nets the winner - Wolves v Plymouth, 22nd October 1966

Season 1966-67 FINAL LEAGUE POSITION 2nd (Division 2)

Opponent	Date	Home/Away	Result	Score	Scorer(s)	Attendance
LEAGUE DIVISION 2						
Birmingham	25/09/66	H	L	1-2	McInroyle	28,877
Ipswich	27/09/66	A	L	1-3	McInroyle	17,279
Cardiff	31/09/66	A	W	3-0	McInroyle (2), Buckley	13,991
Bristol City	03/10/66	H	D	1-1	Knoxles	17,962
Crystal Palace	07/10/66	H	D	1-1	Burnside	18,206
Carlisle	10/10/66	A	W	3-1	Hunt, (2), Hutcheon	11,300
Blackburn	17/10/66	H	W	4-0	Hunt(2), Burnside, Whiston, Whiston(2), Hunt, McInroyle	18,261
Cardiff	21/10/66	H	W	7-1	Thomson, Wiggstaff	18,678
Bolton	24/10/66	A	D	0-0		20,348
Sheffon	01/11/66	H	W	1-0	McInroyle	28,728
Preston	05/11/66	H	W	3-1	Hutton, Hunt, Whiston	18,008
Hull City	15/11/66	A	L	1-3	Daley	32,522
Plymouth	22/11/66	H	W	2-1	Hunt, Woodfield	21,199
Northampton	29/11/66	A	W	4-0	Hunt(2), McInroyle	18,761
Milwall	06/12/66	H	W	3-0	McInroyle(2)	18,766
Portsmouth	13/12/66	A	D	2-2	McInroyle, Wiggstaff	12,373
Preston	19/12/66	H	W	3-2	Whiston(2), McInroyle	22,722
Bury	26/12/66	A	L	1-2	Hunt	7,762
Coventry	03/01/67	H	L	1-3	Burnside	27,220
Norwich	10/01/67	A	W	2-1	Knoxles, Wiggstaff	14,899
Birmingham	17/01/67	A	L	2-3	Daley, Wiggstaff	27,527
Derby	24/01/67	H	W	5-3	Hutton(2), Whiston(2), McInroyle	24,378
Derby	29/01/67	A	W	3-0	Hutton, McInroyle, Whiston	28,678
Ipswich	31/01/67	H	D	0-0		28,426
Bristol City	07/02/67	A	L	0-1		17,699
Carlisle	14/02/67	H	D	1-1	Hunt	20,822
Blackburn	21/02/67	A	D	0-0		16,499
Bolton	04/03/67	H	W	6-3	Hutton(2), Hunt(2), Wiggstaff	24,081
Carlisle	11/03/67	A	W	3-1	Hutton, Knoxles, Woodfield	17,666
Preston	25/03/67	A	W	3-2	Daley, Hunt, Knoxles	23,184
Northampton	04/04/67	H	W	1-0	Wiggstaff	26,672
Plymouth	15/04/67	A	W	1-0	Knoxles	18,391
Hull City	25/04/67	H	W	4-0	Dougan(2), Knoxles	30,791
Huddersfield	27/04/67	A	W	1-0	Whiston	28,829
Huddersfield	29/04/67	H	W	1-0	Knoxles	40,429
Milwall	01/05/67	A	D	1-1	Dougan	22,928
Portsmouth	06/05/67	H	W	2-0	Dougan, Hunt	32,908
Preston	15/05/67	A	W	2-1	Hunt(2)	18,790
Bury	20/05/67	H	W	4-1	Dougan(2), Burnside, Whiston	28,662
Coventry	26/05/67	A	L	1-3	Knoxles	51,455
Norwich	05/06/67	H	W	4-1	Dougan(2), Hunt, Whiston	27,991
Crystal Palace	13/06/67	A	L	1-4	Hunt	28,026
LEAGUE CUP						
Manfield	13/09/66	H	W	2-1	Hutton, Whiston	12,028
Fulham	05/10/66	A	L	0-5		14,321
FA CUP						
Oxford	29/01/67	A	D	2-2	Daley, Thomson	24,968
Oxford	01/02/67	H	W	4-1	Hunt, McInroyle, Whiston, Woodfield	38,099
Exeter	19/02/67	H	D	1-1	Whiston	43,439
Exeter	21/02/67	A	L	1-3	Whiston	60,020





THERE ARE PLENTY of football fans who are keen enough to follow their favourite team through every match, home and away, throughout the season. But few for whom a home match means a trip of over 100 miles!

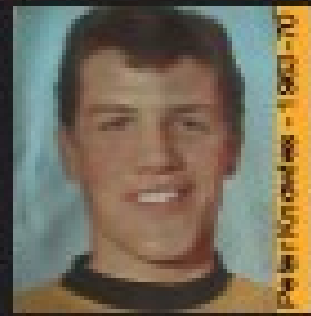
Every Saturday a group of 35 lads from London board a train to travel throughout the country to follow the Wolves. Founded halfway through last football season, the team's London fan club spare no expense to follow their idols, and have been known to spend up to £8 to go to one match. For each home match the group have a specially allocated

corner in the North Bank at Molineux, and our picture shows Stuart Earl, of Treville Street, London S.W.15, surrounded by the rest of the fans at a recent home game.

Why do they go to such great expense to follow Wolves in preference to one of the top London clubs? "Because we think Wolves are the best team in the first division," said Stuart.

He added that the club was only going through a bad spell at present, and the fans were confident Wolves would be back on top form very quickly.

Original members of the Wolverhampton Wanderers London Supporters Club including: Stuart Earl (in full dress), Bob Goddard, Dave "Slade" Slape, Willie Waldron, Sid Green, Martin Duckett, Dave Bell and Chris Stennell.



Peter Knowles - 1966-70



Frank Mulrooney - 1967-77

The Wolves squad on 28th August 1966: Standing: Peter Knowles, Dave Woodfield, Fred Davies, Eddie Hunt, John Hobbins, Dave McLaren, Hugh McMoyale, Terry Wharton Seated: Manager Ronnie Allen, Ken Knighton, Graham Hawkins, Les Wilson, Ron Flowers, Bobby Thomson, Trainer John Downen, On ground: Mike Bailey, Pat Buckley