

8th May 2013

Wolves legend Ron Flowers shares footballing memories

Friday 10th May 2013

10.30am

Ex England and Wolverhampton Wanderers Midfielder, Ron Flowers, will be visiting the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford to assist the Museum with their on-going project which examines the lives of footballers who served in the RAF, during and after the Second World War. Ron, now aged 79 will be visiting the Museum on Friday 10th May 2013 at 10.30am to meet with the Museum's Access and Learning Team who are leading the research project.

Education Officer Philip Clayton and Learning Assistant Becky Gazey will be speaking to Ron about his successful footballing career and the time he served in the RAF. Ron won three Championships and an FA Cup with Wolverhampton Wanderers and won 49 caps for England. He played in the 1962 World Cup, scoring two penalties and was a member of the winning World Cup team in 1966, although narrowly missed out on playing in the final itself.

His success for club and country is well documented, however his footballing life in the RAF is less well known. The Museum aims to uncover this information and his experiences will be recorded, securing his story in the form of a podcast for future generations.

RAF Museum Cosford Education Officer, Philip Clayton says:

"Ron served for the RAF as part of his National Service and was called up just two weeks before his eighteenth birthday. He must have some affectionate, as well as hilarious reminiscences during the time known as 'brasso, blanco and bull.' I wonder how many footballers would manage this change of life today."

This project is believed to be one of the first of its kind and the more information that can be gathered, the better. If anyone has any memories, information, photos or medals of people who served in the forces and played for Wolves, we would like to hear from you. Please contact learning-cosford@rafmuseum.org or write to the Museum at: Philip Clayton, Access and Learning, RAF Museum Cosford, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8UP.

The Museum is open daily from 10am and entry to the Museum is FREE. For further information please contact the Museum on 01902 376200 or visit www.rafmuseum.org

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Notes to Editors

- **Ron Flowers is happy to speak with the media during his visit on Friday 10th May 2013. He is expected to arrive at 10.30am and will spend the morning with the Education Officer Philip Clayton. Media visits must be pre booked in advance. Please contact Michelle Morgans on 01902 376212 or michelle.morgans@rafmuseum.org.**

- This exciting local project will be a combination of efforts from the RAF Museum Cosford, Wolverhampton Wanderers Football Club and RAF Cosford.
- Royal Air Force Museum, Cosford, Shifnal Shropshire, TF11 8UP
- Photos available on request
- Open daily between 10am-6pm (Last admission 5pm)
- Admission to the Royal Air Force Museum is free of charge.
- RAF Museum Cosford images & logo available at:
<http://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/research/media-vault.aspx>
- For further information and all media enquiries please contact Michelle Morgans on 01902 376212 or email michelle.morgans@rafmuseum.org
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