

## **London Borough of Barking & Dagenham**

### **Local Studies Information Sheet no. 52**

#### **FOOTBALL PERSONALITIES OF BARKING & DAGENHAM**

##### **Tony Adams**

Born in 1966, Tony Adams lived as a child in Foxlands Road, Dagenham. He attended Hunters Hall Primary School and Eastbrook Comprehensive. He signed for Arsenal as a schoolboy in 1980 and spent his entire playing career there. Adams won 55 England caps, 13 as captain. Since retiring as a player he has managed Wycombe Wanderers and Portsmouth. He was appointed MBE in 2004.

##### **Sir Trevor Brooking**

He was born at Barking Hospital in October 1948, grew up in Salisbury Avenue, and attended Ripple School. He joined West Ham at 17 and stayed for 17 years, helping them win the FA Cup in 1975 and 1980. He was capped 47 times for England. Trevor Brooking was caretaker manager of West Ham in 2003-04, and knighted in 2004. A stand at West Ham has been named after him, and he was awarded the Freedom of the Borough of Barking & Dagenham in January 2010.

##### **Jimmy Greaves**

Born in Manor Park in 1940, Jimmy moved to Ivyhouse Road, Dagenham, as a baby and lived there until moving to the Hainault Estate at the age of nine. Having played football for Southwood School and Dagenham schoolboys, he joined Chelsea at 17 and later played for AC Milan, Tottenham and West Ham. A record-breaking goalscorer, he played for England 57 times. Following his playing career, he became an author and TV football pundit.

##### **Bobby Moore**

He was born in April 1941 at Barking Hospital, grew up in Waverley Gardens, Barking and attended Westbury School. As a boy Bobby practiced his soccer skills in Greatfields Park, and became captain of the Barking Primary Schools team. He joined West Ham's youth squad in 1956 and remained with the club until 1974. He played 108 matches for England, 90 as captain. He led the victorious England team in the 1966 World Cup Final at Wembley Stadium. Bobby Moore was voted BBC Sports Personality of the Year in 1966 and appointed OBE in 1967. He died of cancer in February 1993, aged 51.

##### **Martin Peters**

Martin Peters was born in Plaistow in 1943 and moved to Dagenham as a child. He lived in Raydons Road and attended Fanshawe School. After playing for the Dagenham Schoolboys football team, he became an apprentice at West Ham in 1959. He was capped 67 times for England, and scored England's second goal in the victorious 1966 World Cup Final. He later played for Spurs and Norwich City before finishing his career at Sheffield United. He was appointed MBE in 1978.

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### **Sir Alf Ramsey**

England's greatest football manager was born in 1920 at Parrish's Cottages, Five Elms. He attended Becontree Heath School and played football for Dagenham Schoolboys and Essex Schools. Between the ages of 14 and 20 he worked at the local Co-op and played part-time for Five Elms United. After Army service in World War Two he began his professional career with Southampton, transferring to Spurs in 1949. He was capped 32 times for England. After retiring as a player he became manager first of Ipswich Town, then England. His greatest achievement was winning the World Cup in 1966. He was knighted in 1967 and died in April 1999 aged 79.

### **John Terry**

Born in Barking in 1980, he grew up in Chelmer Crescent on the Thames View Estate. He attended Thames View Infants and Junior Schools, followed by Eastbury Comprehensive. He joined Chelsea's youth system at the age of 14, made his first team debut as a late substitute in 1998 and established himself as a team regular in 2000. He became Chelsea captain in 2004. John Terry made his first appearance for the England team in 2003, and was first appointed captain in 2006.

### **Terry Venables**

Terry Venables was born in Valence Avenue, Dagenham in January 1943 and grew up in Bonham Road. He attended Valence and Lymington Schools and captained the Dagenham Boys football team. Terry signed for Chelsea at the age of 15 and later played for Tottenham, QPR and Crystal Palace. He was twice capped for England. His managerial career began at Crystal Palace in 1976 and has since taken him to clubs including QPR, Tottenham and Barcelona (whom he took to the final of the European Cup, earning the nickname "El Tel".) As England Manager from 1994 to 1996 he led the team to the semi-final of Euro '96, where they lost to Germany on penalties.

### **Primary Sources held at LBBB Archives**

There are no original archives relating to these personalities in the Borough's archive collections. Some of them are featured in the [People and Communities Gallery](#) at [Valence House Museum](#).

### **Secondary Sources held in the Archives and Local Studies Centre**

The titles listed below represent a selection of items available. A wider choice, which includes the stock of Barking & Dagenham Libraries, can be found through a search of the [online library catalogue](#).

ADAMS, Tony: *Addicted* (1998)

BROOKING, Trevor: *Trevor Brooking – an autobiography* (1981)

GREAVES, Jimmy: *Greavsie – the autobiography* (2003)

MOORE, Tina: *Bobby Moore, by the person who knew him best* (2005)

PETERS, Martin: *The ghost of '66 – an autobiography* (2006)

McKINSTRY, Leo: *Sir Alf* (2006)

DERBYSHIRE, Oliver: *John Terry, Captain Marvel* (2006)

VENABLES: *Terry Venables, son of Fred* (1990)