

## RAF FA VETERANS VISIT ST GEORGE'S PARK TO MEET THE ENGLAND TEAM



On the 4th September 2018 at St George's Park (SGP) the following RAFFA Veterans, David Salkeld, John Letch, Phil Harris, Daz Kerr, Mark Rooney, Dave Wanless, John Bones and Steve Young along with guests Yvonne Salkeld, Tom Jones and Reece Wanless had the honour to watch the England Senior men's team train at St George's Park, followed by signing and photo opportunities once the training session had finished.

All of the Vets had a fantastic time watching, chatting and having their England shirts, Flag and footballs signed by Gareth and his players. The England squad and backroom staff were absolutely fantastic and nothing was too much trouble for them but a special mention must go to Gareth Southgate, who was as accessible to the guests as were all of his players.





Also a special mention to Jack Butland who gave his signed goalkeepers gloves to 9 year old Reece Wanless and Harry Kane, who, although not part of the training session, came into the stand on his own where he chatted and signed everything given to him and posed for photos with everyone that asked, and lots and lots did. He was the only player to do that and like Gareth a true gentleman.

All of the RAF FA Vets who went to the England training day, expressed their thanks to the RAF FA Vets Manager, Matt Beattie for giving them the opportunity to have this day with the England team and Wg Cdr Neil Hope of the RAF FA for enabling access. Lastly, the Vets would like to thank the SGP staff and Emily Webb of England FA for coping with the last minute changes that enabled all those who wanted to go to gain access.

With the RAF FA Veterans now having visited St George's Park, the RAF FA have now enabled all Representative Teams to have access through the great links forged with the Football Association. Something that we value greatly.



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