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THE FA CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF WEMBLEY STADIUM

On Friday 19 May 2017 The Football Association celebrates the 10th anniversary of the official opening of the new Wembley Stadium.

The stadium was officially opened by His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge at the 2007 FA Cup Final and has so far welcomed over 20 million visitors to see more than 300 live sport and entertainment events.

Over the last 10 years the national stadium has hosted some of the biggest and best live events, breaking a number of attendance records along the way and giving fans unforgettable experiences.

Wembley Stadium connected by EE, 10th Anniversary Highlights:

- **ENGLAND MEN'S SENIOR INTERNATIONALS**
The men's senior England team have played 54 times at Wembley Stadium across six qualifying competitions, recording a total of 40 victories.
- **ENGLAND WOMEN'S SENIOR INTERNATIONALS**
The women's senior England team recorded their highest ever home attendance at Wembley Stadium, with 45,919 fans attending the England v Germany match in 2014.
- **CUP FINALS**
The national stadium has hosted over 40 club football cup finals in the last 10 years from The Emirates FA Cup, SSE Women's FA Cup, FA Trophy, FA Vase, FA Community Shield, EFL Cup, EFL Play-Offs and UEFA Champions League.
- **LONDON 2012 OLYMPICS**
Wembley Stadium proudly hosted nine football matches at the London 2012 Olympics, including the men's final between Brazil and Mexico which was attended by over 86,000 fans.



- **SPORTS EVENTS**

Wembley Stadium has staged high profile events across a number of other sports including; 16 regular season NFL games, world-class boxing with Anthony Joshua v Wladimir Klitschko World Heavyweight title fight this year. The stadium also hosted matches in the 2013 Rugby League World Cup and the 2015 Rugby World Cup and motorsport has featured with the Race of Champions in 2007.

- **MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT**

Over the past decade, Wembley Stadium has become a landmark destination for the best live music and entertainment, having hosted sold-out events for artists including; Ed Sheeran, Take That, George Michael, Madonna, Oasis, Metallica, Foo Fighters, Kasabian and U2, who hold the Wembley Stadium concert record attendance. Live comedy events have featured Ricky Gervais, Russell Brand, Chris Rock. In 2007 Wembley Stadium hosted Live Earth which highlighted issues around climate change.

- **WEMBLEY NATIONAL STADIUM TRUST**

In 2012 the Wembley National Stadium Trust was fully established as an independent charitable grant-making trust. It receives an annual donation of 1% of the stadium's annual turnover. Since 2012 it has distributed funding of over £4m to almost 300 grants. The Trust supports three distinct programmes including Community sport in the London Borough of Brent as well as London-wide and England-wide programmes.

FA Chief Executive Martin Glenn said: "Wembley Stadium had a difficult birth but a decade on we can only be proud of what the stadium has become. It's now Europe's leading stadium and without doubt the venue of choice for global sporting and entertainment events.

"Having already hosted so many memorable moments we are looking forward to what the next decade will bring including Adele, the semi and finals of Euro 2020 and hosting Tottenham Hotspur next season. It can only get bigger and better."

In 2017 Wembley Stadium, connected by EE, will continue to be a leader in live sport, music and entertainment with sixteen events already scheduled this year. A full list of upcoming live events at Wembley Stadium can be found at: www.wembleystadium.com

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