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## **Football comes home to hotel with world football heritage**

- *Ahead of Englands first game in the Euros, we look back at some of the legends who have stayed at the football famous, Best Western Homestead Court Hotel.*

Football legends in Welwyn Garden City? The Best Western Homestead Court Hotel in sleepy Hertfordshire is an unsuspecting treasure trove of football memories and memorabilia.

Having hosted international teams during England's winning 1966 World Cup year as well as the England squad themselves during the 1970s, the Best Western Homestead Court Hotel's 66 Bar is today adorned with an impressive collection of football memorabilia, including an England shirt signed by the final's scorers Geoff Hurst and Martin Peters.

The French, Argentines and West Germans, who stayed at the Homestead Court, all left behind an impressive collection of autographed shirts, as well as much-loved stories that live on in Welwyn Garden City today – as the legend has it, West German legends Franz Beckenbauer and Uwe Seeler would join in the odd kickabout on the adjacent King George V playing fields and even gave the Homestead Court staff 10 tickets to the final.

To coincide with the Euros, Best Western Homestead Court Hotel will celebrate its love of football with a local event at its historic 66 Bar.

Visitors can stay in one of the hotel's executive suites, all named after England's victorious players and managers – Charlton, Moore, Stiles, Banks, Hurst, Wilson and Peters – further commemorating the triumph. Executive suites are available from £75.60 per night.

To book, visit [www.bestwestern.co.uk](http://www.bestwestern.co.uk) or call 08445 767 676.

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### **Editors' notes:**

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