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Outrage over Cllr pay rises

By Jasmine Rapson

CONTROVERSIAL Tory councillors have voted to give themselves a 10 per cent pay rise – prompting one outraged politician to compare his colleagues to pigs.

South Bucks district councillors have been accused of “lining their

own pockets” after agreeing to increase their own pay at a full council meeting this week.

Questions were also raised over why members are receiving a “huge” pay rise when council employees have previously been told their wage increases must be capped at two per cent.

The basic allowance paid to South Bucks district councillors will now take £134,400 out of the public purse in 2018/19 – a 10 per cent increase from the previous financial year.

Extra cash paid to members who hold a higher cabinet or committee position, known as the special responsibility allowance, will in-

crease by 18 per cent – now costing the taxpayer £69,024.

The increases were proposed by an independent panel of SBDC officers as well as the Conservative Group and will bring the councillors’ allowances in line with those paid to Chiltern district members.

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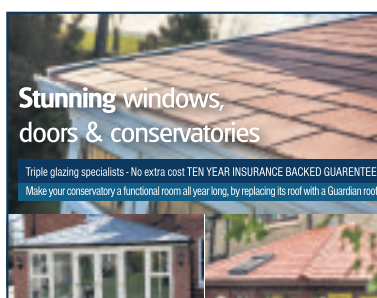
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COMMENT

With
**NICHOLAS
TUNNEY**

WELL, the World Cup has come to an end and what a fantastic spectacle the whole tournament was from start to finish.

Memorable games, a thrilling final and not a hint of trouble reported, which was the main worry that the authorities had with the tournament being in Russia.

It has also been announced that the next World Cup will be held in December when the temperatures will be cooler.

It will be interesting to see how England get on in that World Cup. I thought fatigue was one of the main factors as to why they lost to Croatia after such a gruelling Premier League season.

With it being midway through the campaign, I believe that England will benefit from that and most of this current squad will be in their prime in terms of age. Harry Kane will be 28

for example, when he should be at his peak.

Obviously there is a long way to go before then for England with the Euros in two years time but what they achieved has certainly put football back on the map and with the football season just 15 days away, it will be another nine months of emotions for the most ardent football fan.

I was at Adams Park on Tuesday and was very impressed with Wycombe's display against Championship side Brentford.

Although they lost narrowly, the fitness and performance will have pleased Gareth Ainsworth the most and he was very happy with how the first two friendlies have gone so far.

They now face a completely different test in the next three games against non-league opponents and this could be the ideal way to prepare for that Blackpool game on August 4.

The fitness is definitely getting there and now just a few goals will put the Blues in excellent shape

ahead the season.

With English sport firmly in the public eye, The Open Championship is back this week at Carnoustie in Scotland.

It has been 26 years since there was an English winner of The Open when Nick Faldo triumphed at Muirfield in 1992.

An English winner could well be on the cards and our very own Tyrrell Hatton is certainly on the

radar when looking at the field.

He has a superb record at links courses, including being a dual winner of the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship which takes in Carnoustie as one of its courses.

Hatton's short game looked exceptionally sharp at Gullane at the Scottish Open last week and if his driving can click, he could well be firmly in contention come Sunday evening.



Harry Kane

SIX OF THE BEST**Thame Town CC vs High Wycombe CC, Saturday, July 21**

A real chance for High Wycombe to bounce back as they play Thame this weekend who are tied to the bottom of the division.

A convincing 140-run victory in the reverse fixture will put them as strong favourites going into this match. After a low score last week by Teddie Casterton, he'll be looking



ing to find his form again with the bat and after his top score of the season against Thame he will be looking to repeat his 116..

Amersham CC vs Great**& Little Tew CC, Saturday, July 21**

AFTER demolishing Dinton, confidence will be sky high for the Shardeloes and they will be looking to go on a winning streak as they take on strong opposition this Saturday.

They lost the reverse game by 5 wickets only setting 174 so they will be looking to make a name for themselves. With Madhuka Liyanapathirana in the best of form with both the bat and ball after his amazing 7-20 they should feel confident.

Edward Bowcock will be looking to continue his form after a half century against Dinton.

Burnham CC vs Chesham CC, Saturday, July 21

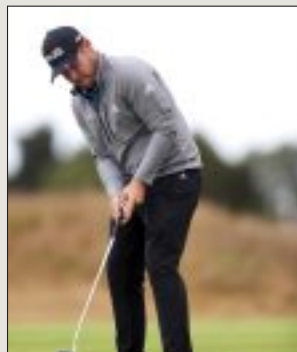
CHESHAM will be trying to continue their unbeaten run this weekend against their south Bucks rivals.

They hit a big 277 in the reverse game with a tough score that was not even challenged by Burnham. The Chesham bowlers flew through their order to bowl them out for 180, with shared wickets all round throughout the bowlers. Matt Rance and Robin Pritchard will look to maintain their excellent form..

North Maidenhead CC**vs Gerrards Cross CC, Saturday, July 21**

THIS weekend, Gerrards Cross will be away to North Maidenhead who lost to the Cross in the first half of the season by seven wickets.

After a four game unbeaten run, they will be looking to continue that with another victory after a four-wicket win against Slough 2. With Slough only setting a score of 212 after being bowled out by GX,



an unbelievable innings from the keeper Andrew Morrison (96 not out) steered GX to the victory comfortably with overs to spare.

Hatton at the Open Championship,**Thursday, July 19 - Sunday, July 22**

MARLOW boy, Tyrrell Hatton will compete at the Open Championship over the course of this weekend competing against the world's elite.

The likes of Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and Bubba Watson will all be there trying to take home the Claret Jug. Jordan Spieth (the current Open champion) will be looking to retain the title.

Hatton's record at links courses is second to none and he is highly regarded as one of the favourites having defended the Alfred Dunhill Links trophy.

He should feel confident coming into the tournament and a good set of rounds will not be a shock to any of the spectators.

Havant & Waterlooville vs Wycombe Wanderers, Saturday, July 21

WYCOMBE may not have had the results they were after so far, but there were many positives the team will take ahead of a difficult campaign.

In both encounters they created many chances against high-quality opposition and the overall play has been encouraging.

These friendlies have allowed the team to get fit again and playing this high ranked sides have caused

the Chairboys to get stretched about as their opposition has dominated possession.

The trialists are really proving themselves in these matches and the manager Gareth Ainsworth has recognised their efforts.

This weekend will be a different test for Wycombe as they will come into the game as favourites. They will be looking to get some goals on the board but their main priority is to have no injuries with only weeks to go until the League One start on August 4.



Wanderers match the Hammers with encouraging display in first friendly

By Nicholas Tunney

MARKO Arnautovic's first-half strike separated the two sides as West Ham claimed a narrow victory in Wanderers' opening pre-season friendly at Adams Park.

A star-studded Hammers outfit began brightly and saw efforts from Robert Snodgrass and new signing Andriy Yarmolenko go close, while Scott Kashket headed wide at the other end from a Nathan Tyson cross.

Ryan Allsop denied Pablo Zabaleta with a smart stop before Arnautovic broke the deadlock before the interval, which saw Gareth Ainsworth make 11 changes to his side.

Snodgrass saw a shot deflected over the top and Angelo Ogbonna headed off-target before Wanderers stepped up the pace and were denied an equaliser by a wonderful save from Adrian, tipping Paris Cowan-Hall's curling effort round the post.



Adebayo Akinfenwa caused chaos when he came on with 15 minutes to go



Dominic Gape played in the second half



Joe Jacobson in action



Matt Bloomfield tests the West Ham defence



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Captain's Corner

BLUES skipper Adam El-Abd said the build-up to their good performance against West Ham was pivotal as they more than matched their illustrious rivals.

The defender played a starring role for Wanderers last term as he led the side to promotion from League Two and his brilliant displays at the heart of the defence towards the end of the campaign were crucial to Wycombe holding onto that crucial third place.

El-Abd explained that preparation had gone well before their first match of pre-season against Manuel Pellegrini's men and they would look to kick on from here.

He said: "It was a good two weeks building up to this game.

"We had a good camp in Wales recently with good training and good team bonding.

"It is fair to say the game went really well considering the opposition we were against, obviously with the Hammers being in the Premier League.

"It was a good run-out for us and West Ham are ahead of us in terms of their pre-season schedule with them being a couple of games ahead.

"There were lots of positives to take from this game but also lots to work on still.

"We are three weeks away from that first game and we are all looking forward to the big kick-off."

Boss drops
signing hint

Wanderers

CHAIRBOYS gaffer Gareth Ainsworth has expressed a desire to possibly make more signings after capturing a trio of experienced players so far this summer.

Ainsworth added Curtis Thompson to his squad on a five-month contract just moments before kick-off on Saturday and hinted that there may be further deals to come – particularly in the loan market – after being impressed by the displays of his trialists.

Having already signed Darius Charles and Ryan Allsop too,

Ainsworth said: "There are always signings in the pipeline but it's a question of what we've got left to spend.

"I'm hoping for some loan deals at least, but the boys who've come in today have impressed me.

"If you go back a couple of years, both Nick Freeman and Luke O'Nien forging Wycombe careers through being on trial here is evidence enough for us to keep on searching in this way.

"Opinions can be changed, and just because someone has said no to a player isn't proof that a career cannot be achieved elsewhere."

Ainsworth proud to
run West Ham close

By Nicholas Tunney

BLUES boss Gareth Ainsworth said he was proud of his players for going toe-to-toe with Premier League side West Ham United in their narrow 1-0 loss in Saturday's opening pre-season friendly.

Two experimental line-ups for each half, including five trialists, came up against a star-studded Hammers outfit including big money summer signings Issa Diop and Andriy Yarmolenko, but the Chairboys came close to snatching a draw after carving out a series of second-half chances in a bid to cancel out Marko Arnautovic's opener.

Ainsworth said: "We got what we wanted which was to get minutes out of the boys, but on top of that I'm proud of my team for keeping a Premier League side to just one goal.

"There was a lot of money out there on the pitch in the away team but we matched them for chances and could've nicked a draw.

"They've got a great manager and they'll push on from here, but for me all the signs were encouraging."

Ainsworth added: "We have to take a 'slowly, slowly' approach because we can't afford to pick up injuries, and I trust our medical staff and our players to make sure we're firing on all cylinders for the league game against Blackpool on day one, because that's what it's all about.

"We've kept the majority of the squad together, we know what we are and how we play, and we know our strengths."

Wanderers will have a total of five games this pre-season and after their two games against league opponents, they now face a trio of matches against teams from outside the footballing pyramid, including against Chesham United.



Wycombe boss Gareth Ainsworth was very encouraged by his side's display against Premier League opposition at the weekend

BLUES: Midfielder makes a return to Adams Park
Thompson signs five-month deal

WYCOMBE Wanderers have signed Curtis Thompson from Notts County, as he penned a five-month deal ahead of kick-off against West Ham United on Saturday, having left The Magpies at the end of his contract and securing his first choice switch back to familiar territory.

Thompson said: "I'm happy to be on board officially and I can't wait to get started now.

"When I came in in January, I knew the boys were playing really well and I'd have to be patient and wait for my chance.

"When I did get that chance, I was happy to be involved and be part of

the team which won promotion. It was an unbelievable feeling and I'd never been part of such a wonderful group like that before."

His seven appearances last season all came in the heart of midfield but Curtis found himself at right-back during the second half of Saturday's friendly – a position he's had experience of playing in previously.

"A few years back I played at right-back for a few games, and I'm happy to do a job there if the gaffer needs me to. I like to be in the thick of things in the middle of the park, but I'm happy to play anywhere I'm needed."



Thompson is back in south Bucks

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Wycombe feel the Forss but produce good Bees display

WYCOMBE Wanderers enjoyed another encouraging pre-season display ahead of the new campaign, despite losing 1-0 to Championship outfit Brentford on a warm evening at Adams Park.

Marcus Forss' 75th minute penalty proved to be the difference after Michael Harriman tripped Moses Odubajo in the area.

Other than that, both sides had chances in a competitive affair in south Bucks with Wanderers making nine changes at the break.

Brentford had a good opportunity on 13 minutes when Alan Judge broke into the box and his firm shot

was well blocked by Yves Ma-Kalambay.

Nathan Tyson had an excellent chance to give the Blues the lead from Harriman's sweeping cross on 49 minutes but his header landed on the roof of the net.

Ryan Allsop came on for the excellent Ma-Kalambay at half time and he produced a superb save on 57 minutes to halt Sergi Canos' deflected effort.

However, Brentford were awarded a penalty with 15 minutes to go which Forss tucked away.

Tyson had one last golden chance on 88 minutes but he rifled over.



Allsop was in fine form against Brentford

BLUES: Ainsworth hopes for goal glut in non-league friendlies Boss pleased with Bees workout

By Nicholas Tunney

BLUES manager Gareth Ainsworth declared himself pleased with another promising workout against Championship side Brentford on Tuesday evening.

A Marcus Forss penalty was the only difference between the sides at Adams Park and Ainsworth admitted he is very happy with where the squad currently are.

He said: "We had more of a workout than we did against West Ham.

"Brentford moved the ball really well and you can tell how Dean Smith (Brentford manager) is trying to play and they are a good side.

"They had a couple of chances, especially second half, and the first half was quite even and it was another good workout against good opposition.

"I was worried at the start of pre-season how these games against higher opposition would come off but I think they have been perfect for us.

"I am looking forward to Saturday and then Tuesday and Friday against non-league opposition and hopefully we can get some goals on board but nothing matters until August 4."

With that Blackpool game just 15 days away, Ainsworth explained that he is getting closer to working out his starting 11 for that match.

He added: "Everyday I am getting closer. There will be a few factors that will come into it on August 4 but I will keep my cards close to my chest and we will hopefully be very fit.

"We aren't going to come up against the likes of West Ham in League One but we will come up against very good sides and so far, so good."



Ainsworth is delighted with the shape his squad are in ahead of August 4

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U10s lift title
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O'Nien can't wait for League One challenge

Midfielder raring to go for Tangerines test



By Nicholas Tunney

WYCOMBE midfielder Luke O'Nien has declared he can't wait for the new season to begin as he looks forward to life in League One for the first time.

O'Nien has been one of the Chairboys' star performers since joining the club three years ago after a stint at Watford.

The 23-year-old was a key cog as the Blues gained promotion last season, and his stellar displays in the engine room brought about

a career-best eight goals, including screamers against Colchester, Swindon and Chesterfield.

Now, O'Nien has a chance to face the likes of Sunderland this season and admitted he will be speaking to some of his team-mates who have played at League One level before about the experience.

He said: "It is going to be a good test for us and I am really excited."

"We have always done well against the stronger teams and I am still not sure what to expect as it is new for me as well.

"I will be looking towards the senior players and asking them questions and throughout our pre-season games I am sure we will come across a bit of everything so we will be ready for that first game.

"We only had Blackpool a couple of years ago and I am looking forward to the challenge."

O'Nien was one of only two players to play the full 90 minutes against Brentford on Tuesday evening and he explained he felt sharp after two decent matches against quality opposition.

He added: "I feel good. The boys are looking good and those two were tough games. Brentford moved the ball very well and they caused us problems which was good and exactly what you need in pre-season."

"You need people asking questions of you and keep testing everything and to get ready for August 4."

"The gaffer told me before the game that I was getting the full 90 and it was nice."

"It is a good marker to see how fit you are and I really enjoyed it and am getting sharper."



Hatton eyes first Open prize

Golf

TYRRELL Hatton's impressive recent form continued with another top ten finish at the Scottish Open this weekend.

Hatton, 26, was the leader at the halfway mark by two shots but as one of the later starters on Saturday, he endured the worst of the conditions and slipped out of top spot.

However, he ground out a very respectable tied ninth finish at Gullane Golf Club on the East Lothian coast and is in a good run of form ahead of The Open Championship, which began at Carnoustie yesterday.

Hatton eventually finished the tournament on 13 under par, seven shots behind South African Brandon Stone who shot an incredible final round of 60 to win the prestigious event.

World number 23 Hatton said on Twitter: "T9th this week."

"Not the day I hoped for but feel like I hit the ball a lot better, hopefully take that into next week."

"Incredible round from @BrandonMStone a round worthy to win such a great tournament. @ScottishOpen #ASIScottishOpen #RolexSeries"

Due to his enviable record round links courses, Hatton will surely be one of the names mentioned as one of a whole host of players who could win on the east coast of Scotland, at a course dubbed the toughest on the Open rota.

With conditions due to be similar to the Scottish Open, Hatton is in with an excellent shout to better his best finish at The Open, a tied fifth at Royal Troon two years ago.

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