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FOOTBALL: An appeal for high-priority food items The Chairboys and One Can Trust launch food collection

WYCOMBE Wanderers has launched a matchday food collection to benefit the One Can Trust foodbank.

The One Can Trust foodbank, based on Duke Street in High Wycombe, receives around £200,000 worth of food donations each year to serve the community. It distributes well over 400 food parcels each month to benefit those less fortunate.

The football club, through its chaplain Benedict Musola, is delighted to have formed a new partnership with the charity.

The club invites supporters to donate food products upon arrival at Adam Park each matchday, beginning with the fixture against Ipswich Town on New Year's Eve, which will then be passed to One Can Trust for distribution.

A collection point will be located close to the entrance gates at Adams Park, staffed by volunteers, who will receive donations of suitable high-priority tinned and boxed food items including tinned meats, vegetables, cereals, long-life milk, toiletries and rice.

Musola visited the One Can Trust warehouse with Wycombe stars Alex Samuel and Cameron Yates. He said: "Wycombe Wanderers and One Can Trust play different but very important roles in the community, and it's fantastic that they've come together to give supporters the opportunity to help those in need by donating essential food items."

Samuel added: "It was a real eye-opening experience to see how much food is collected and handed out by One Can Trust, and to learn how many people in the area struggle to put food on the table for themselves and their families."

"We hope that we can help play a part by asking fans to add one or two



Wycombe stars Alex Samuel (left) and Cameron Yates (right) with Steph Clay from One Can Trust (centre).

items to their weekly shopping list and bring it along to Adams Park to donate to the foodbank. It will help make a big difference to the lives of others."

Steph Clay, Project Manager at One Can Trust, said: "We were delighted to welcome Benedict, Alex and Cam-

eron to the foodbank, and thank them for getting this new initiative off the ground and introducing us to Wycombe Wanderers."

"The football club has shown incredible generosity by opening the foodbank on matchdays at Adams Park."

"On behalf of everyone at One Can Trust and everyone who will benefit from the additional food parcels that we will be able to distribute, I'd like to say a huge thank you to those who are able to donate."

A list of high-priority items will be provided closer to the time.

A cycle to raise needed funds

WYCOMBE WANDERERS

THE Wycombe Wanderers Sports & Education Trust (WWSET) is looking for up to 30 keen cyclists to take part in the 2020 Charity Bike Ride.

Those who sign up for the ride and to raise funds for WWSET will leave Adams Park on Thursday 30th April for a 260-mile cycle scheduled to finish at the Wham Stadium, the home of Accrington Stanley, in time to watch the final game of the season on Sunday 3rd May (12 noon kick-off).

It is hoped that the riders will be able to raise considerable funds for WWSET - the official charity of Wycombe Wanderers Football Club.

All of the funds raised will go towards the delivery of their various activities and projects, which focus on one or more of the following: promoting health and well being, contributing to social inclusion and community cohesion, providing educational opportunities and increasing participation in sports and physical activity.

The ride will be professionally organised and fully supported leaving the riders to focus on keeping the pedals turning.

The route will be guided, transport back to High Wycombe will be provided, hotel rooms on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights will be booked, support vehicles will accompany the riders the whole time and each participant will be kitted-out in a custom designed cycle top. WWSET will even organise match tickets and a meal for all riders upon arrival at the Wham Stadium.

Paul Foley is head of WWSET and said: "The Wycombe Wanderers Sports & Education Trust is a registered charity that exists in order to harness the appeal and power of the Wycombe Wanderers brand in order to do good within our community."

"As with the majority of charities, we rely on fundraising efforts to deliver many of our projects."

"We're really hopeful that this ride will appeal to lots of people both inside and outside the club, and that lots of money will be raised for WWSET, all of which will be spent on projects that help our community flourish."

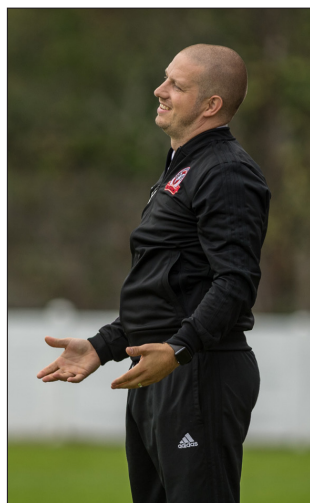
There is an information evening between 6.30-8pm on Thursday 9th January at Adams Park which all prospective riders should attend.

In order to register your place at the information evening, or for more information, email community@wwfc.com or call 01494 455736.

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FOOTBALL: Mixed fortunes for Rams and Saints

Rams fall further behind after defeat to Truro City



Beaconsfield Town manager Gary Meakin.

BEACONSFIELD are now eight matches without a win in the BetVictor Southern Premier South following their 1-0 defeat against Truro City on Saturday.

The Rams were unfortunate not to break the deadlock early on at Holloways Park as keeper James Hamon was forced into a world class save, diving to push away a free-kick, before having to parry away another threatening shot.

Truro scored the only goal in the game when Niall Thompson charged onto a long ball and, despite pressure from a defender, manage to set up Alex Battle for a first time shot that flew into the top corner before

half-time.

Beaconsfield remain bottom of the table and now seven points from safety ahead of a trip to fifth-in-the-table Taunton Town this Saturday (3pm).

Chalfont St Peter ended a six-match losing streak on the road in all competitions after a 2-1 win at FC Romania in the BetVictor South Central Division on Saturday.

The Saints had not won on their travels since the victory at Hertford Town back in September, but a return to form sees them climb back into the top 10 in the league table.

FC Romania broke the deadlock at the Chestnut Stadium with a goal

from Gabriel Ghinea inside 11 minutes, but the visitors were back on level terms before the break.

Dan Williams had four attempts at goal, twice having efforts cleared off the line by the keeper as well as hitting the crossbar, before the ball eventually went in after 35 minutes.

Chalfont grabbed the winning goal against the run of play when Williams robbed a defender of possession and slotted home in the 79th minute.

The win means The Saints are now just two points behind the play-off spots ahead of a trip to eighth-placed Westfield this Saturday (3pm).

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Rising stars help put Chesham in the ascendency



FOOTBALL: Risborough part of a unique group Eaton wants Rangers to keep feet on ground



Risborough Rangers are one of a very few teams in the country to still be unbeaten in their league this season.

RISBOROUGH Rangers manager Mark Eaton has called for his team to keep their feet on the ground despite an incredible start to the season.

Rangers are one of the few sides in the English football pyramid to still be unbeaten in the league, setting the pace in the Hellenic League Division One East.

The Bucks-based club have managed 10 wins and two draws from their first dozen matches to lead the chasing pack by four points, with the added bonus of having games in hand.

Eaton admits it has been incredible start, but he knows football has a habit of biting you on the backside if your concentration dips, so he has challenged Risborough to take each game as it comes.

He told the Bucks Free Press: "It's an incredible start but we're still looking to take things one game at a time."

"I feel that when we started the project in the middle of last season

By Rob Stevens

we had a really good run of results which created the momentum that we've been able to carry into this year.

"We've had some really good results already this season but I didn't expect to start quite so well."

"We scrapped through to draw at Abingdon United on Tuesday and was under some intense pressure in the second half."

"We've been quite fortunate with not having too many injuries, so the side has stayed relatively consistent which helps."

"To try to go the whole season unbeaten is challenging but we will try to get the right result in each game."

"Milton United away was a really good result considering where they are in the league now."

"We've not conceded too many goals which is good, but had to really dig in to get results against

Abingdon and Marlow United. We had a couple of problems in midweek but held on strong to see out the game."

Eaton continued: "Promotion was probably not our aim from the start but as we're starting to get results we are getting more interest in sponsorship and players from outside."

"Risborough Rangers has everything it needs in terms of the set up to really succeed as a club. There's a strong committee and the ground has been done up so it is all geared up, but just needs a little bit of a push to realise its potential."

"Promotion was not the aim when we started but it will certainly be now for anyone in the top four of five in any league in the country."

"The Chairman is one of the nicest people you could ever meet and all the committee members do a very good job, and the community has come together to get good numbers of support, certainly for this level of football."

"Football has a funny way of biting

you on the backside so we are not getting too big for our boots because we are far from having made it."

"There is still a long way to go in the league and some big challenges ahead, so we need to keep our feet on the ground and take every game as it comes."

"I absolutely feel proud so far but it is just about taking it one game at a time. We do not think we have made it and have to take every game as it comes."

"We could have been beaten against Marlow and in midweek, but ground out results so we are not getting carried away because anyone can lose a game of football."

"If we lose a game but still in the league that would be really brilliant."

Risborough welcome Chalvey Sports to Windsors this Saturday (3pm), before a short trip to Bucks rivals Penn & Tylers Green next Tuesday (7.45pm).

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Wycombe boss Gareth Ainsworth

Ainsworth gets his diploma

WYCOMBE WANDERERS

WYCOMBE Wanderers manager Gareth Ainsworth has recently graduated from the University of Liverpool with a Diploma in Professional Studies in Football Management.

Ainsworth, who received his diploma today, joined the club back in 2009 as a player and undertook the course as part of the League Managers Association.

The course was delivered on a modular basis, combining two residential summer schools and seven one-day workshops during the year, with assessments coming in the form of assignments, group work and presentations.

The 46-year-old was joined on the course with the likes of current Birmingham City's caretaker manager Pep Clotet, Matt Gill, who is a first-team coach at Ipswich Town, MK Dons' manager Russell Martin, former Yeovil manager Darren Way and ex Wigan manager Gary Caldwell.

Ainsworth has led Wycombe to their best-ever start to a league season, as the Chairboys are currently top of League One, winning 11 of the first 19 league matches so far this season.

Wycombe's next match is against

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