

# Blues will not join Alliance

WYCOMBE Wanderers would not join the Alliance Premier League if they had the chance. That was the message to members who attended the club's annual meeting at Loakes Park on Wednesday.

Chairman Brian Lee said that because of the large amount of travelling involved "it would be financial suicide to join the Alliance.

"The game is in such a bad state that do we want to join the Football League? It's up to the Football League to come down to us."

## Exempt

Mr Lee reported that it had been a season of near misses for Wycombe, in every competition they entered, but congratulated manager Mike Keen on such a memorable season, which few could have expected 12 months ago.

Wycombe are one of four teams exempt to the first round proper of the forthcoming season's F.A. Cup, as a result of their

successful campaign last winter. The others are F.A. Trophy finalists Enfield, Altrincham plus Barnet.

Mr Lee paid tribute to groundsman Jock Sheppard who retired during the year, and informed the meeting that Norwich City, newly promoted to Division One will be playing Wycombe in a testimonial match for Jock sometime this season.

The financial side of the club was dominated by the lottery, which brought in more than £43,000 during a year when the overall profit was nearly £1,500.

"Without the lottery, we would be dead," said Mr Lee, who paid special tribute to organiser Mike Phillips.

There are three vacancies on committee following the retirement of Chris Avery and George Plested after long and distinguished service. But none of these vacancies was filled at the meeting.

**Officers elected:** president — M. E. Seymour; chairman — B. R. Lee; secretary — J. Goldeworthy; treasurer — G. B. Cox; match secretary W. G. V. Cleare; reserve team secretary — D. Hobbs. Committee: R. Hart, R. Holt, H. Hutton, G. Sutton, S. Daglish, D. Pitwell.