

Blues blast off against Rangers

WYCOMBE Wanderers launch their assault on the GM Vauxhall Conference with a home clash against Stafford Rangers on August 22.

Blues, who lost 4-2 at home to Rangers and drew 1-1 in the Gola League away two seasons ago, will then meet Maidstone away on Wednesday, August 26, before travelling to Kidderminster on Saturday, August 29.

Fate has thrown together Wanderers and neighbours Aylesbury in the first qualifying round of the FA Cup with the Ducks having home advantage. The two met at the end of last season in the Berks and Bucks County Cup with Wycombe winning 3-2.

They have four friendlies arranged — v Chelsea (H) on August 8, v Kingstonian (A) on Tuesday, August 11, v Farnborough (A) on Friday, August 14, v Slough (H) on Tuesday, August 18.

Training starts at Bisham Abbey on July 16. Admission prices have already been fixed for next season, close to the League's minimum requirements. Adults £2.00, Juniors £1.50, OAPs £1.00 (stand 50p extra). Season tickets for ground only: adults £34, Juniors £25.50, OAPs £17. Season tickets including stand: adults £42, juniors £34. OAPs £26. You can obtain season tickets by writing to the secretary at the ground.

Mike Keen's **Marlow** could meet Berkshire neighbours Maidenhead Town in both the FA Cup and FA Trophy next season.

The two have already been drawn together in the Trophy on October 3 and Marlow must wait for the outcome of the Maidenhead Utd v Tonbridge Wells preliminary round clash to see who they will face in the first qualifying round of the FA Cup.

Training starts on Tuesday, July 21 and they have three pre-season friendlies arranged so far

against: v Chalfont St Peter (H) on Saturday, August 8, v Maidenhead Utd (A) on Tuesday, August 11, v Basingstoke (H) on Saturday, August 15.

Chalfont St Peter boss Laurie Craker has been busy during the close season and his efforts look set to be rewarded with a triple capture.

He has enticed midfielder Tony Cobb from Chesham United and ex-Burnham midfielder man Vaughan Powell from Maidenhead United.

But his biggest signing could be Hughie Richardson, a 31-year-old left back who has played for Farnborough and Walton and Hersham.

Chalfont have friendlies arranged against Burnham, Bracknell, Harrow Borough, Staines and Marlow.

London Spartan League rivals **Beaconsfield United** and **Amersham Town** will both play Oxford United in pre-season matches.

Beaconsfield, who could have Minder star Dennis Waterman as President next season, meet Oxford at home on July 25 with any proceeds going towards floodlights.

They have two other friendlies fixed up — against Chalfont St Peter on August 6 and against Chalfont Wasps on August 8. Training starts tonight (Tuesday).

Amersham meet Oxford United on July 29 and Oxford have promised to send strong sides for both games.

Magpies also meet Luton Town on August 1 and Chalfont St Peter on August 12 and training will be on Tuesday, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Burnham are the politest club in the Southern League . . . and that's official.

Colin Barnes' men may have struggled throughout last season in the Southern Division but at the League's Annual General Meeting they won the Supporters Trophy for being the 'friendliest and most hospitable club.'