

Enduring appeal

FAME is a fleeting thing - especially for sportsmen. One minute you're up there, commanding the back page headlines, the next you're explaining to vaguely-interested inquirers what you did.

Once, Alan Mayes was a noted goalscorer with Chelsea Football Club and later with Swindon Town.

He eventually slipped into non-league football and now plays for Chalfont St Peter, while working on the commercial staff of Wycombe Wanderers.

As one of the promoters of Wycombe's new lottery scheme, Superloot, he found himself touring newsagents earlier this summer, dressed as a highwayman to attract public attention.

Our photographer, Chris Berry, was despatched to picture him outside NSS at Chalfont St Peter, where the conversation went something like this:

Chris: "Didn't you used



to play for Swindon?"

Alan: "Yes. It was some time ago now."

Chris: "You were one of my heroes."

Alan: Speechless (hiding blushes behind mask - see picture).

Who said we journalists were a hard-nosed lot? Good on you, Chris, for making one talented player's day!