

Eager Blues fans snap up tickets

THE prospect of Wycombe Wanderers helping to surpass the record crowd for an FA Trophy final diminished this week following the news that Kidderminster have only sold around 7,000 tickets.

Although Blues have sold 19,000 tickets it is increasingly unlikely they will play before a record Wembley crowd.

Meanwhile, the final has left the ears of the commercial staff at Wycombe ringing with the sound of telephones.

Since the epic semi-final victory last month, the dedicated band of office workers have been besieged with requests, queries and problems.

Volunteer Mike Clark offered his services to secretary John Goldsworthy and commercial manager Allan Robson while waiting for a post in the prison service.

You might think he would prefer the relative tranquility of a Strangeways riot to the pure bedlam of the Wanderers' ever-ringing telephones. His days, and nights, have been filled with the

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complexities of arranging Wembley seating for individual fans, families and club outings.

He and the three office workers, Diane Medcraft, Jeannette Brandon and Sue Keen, have had ticket requests ranging from one old lady to 330 members of Penn and Tylers Green Football Club, who all wanted to sit together.

"It has been an organisational nightmare but we have all coped with it really well and thanks to the hard work of the girls in the office it has run smoothly," said Mike, 35.

Ticket orders have come in from all over the area as well as from exiled fans in Wales, Essex and Lancashire.

Even Mark West was roped in to help answer the phone when he turned up early for an evening game.

The staff have endured varying reactions from the cup-fevered High Wycombe public since tickets went on sale

officially (more than 10,000 were either sold or ordered in the first few days).

Some people have been understanding but many, in their eagerness to be at Wembley on the big day, have been less than patient.

"You wouldn't believe it. People have waited 34 years for this but some people don't seem to be prepared to wait another hour.

"I even had a bloke turn up at my house wanting to know where his tickets were. I've no idea how he found out where I live," added Mike.