

Foul play by Scrooge firms

WE salute the thousands of fans who trekked their way across an inhospitable part of town to watch Wycombe Wanderers thrash Slough.

And we blow an enormous raspberry at the mean-minded companies who blocked off the entrances to their huge and empty car parks so that the fans had to walk even further.

It is a double disgrace that these firms decided to play Scrooge to the soccer team's sparking Cinderella. Not only are they adding to the hardship, but they are also missing out on a chance to earn some extra cash.

Some of the companies on the Sands Industrial Estate have introduced a parking charge with the money going to a worthy cause or even their own coffers.

Most fans would willingly cough up so that they could be nearer the stadium, rather than face the long trudge back in the dark and the cold.

So the hard-hearted companies are soft in the head if they think they are being clever by keeping out the fans' cars. They could be earning some extra revenue in these dark and gloomy days of recession.

In fact it would do the town and district a lot of good if more councillors and businessmen went to Adams Park and witnessed the tremendous support the club generates.

Local politicians do little more than postulate on this important issue. They attempt to placate both the residents and the club, and end up doing nothing.

The fact is that the club is there and it is not going to move. Trying to deflect the blame on to the Department of the Environment which overturned the council's refusal for planning permission does nothing to solve the immediate crisis.

We want the same sort of action we saw on Saturday. Positive and determined.

And perhaps we could see the same flash of inspiration as provided by the Scotsman on the bank overlooking the ground.

His raised kilt certainly brought in a bright and breezy new year.
