

Parking gives me a cold shiver

I AM sure that I was not the only resident of Sands to have a cold shiver run down my spine at your front page report (Star May 29 1992) that Wycombe District Council and Wycombe Wanderers had agreed for the building of a large car park in Sands.

A new car park is the last thing we need! At a recent meeting of more than 130 local Sands residents it was agreed almost unanimously (one vote against) that a new car park on a green field site in Sands would only make the traffic problem worse.

Even the police at another meeting held earlier this year, at the Football Club, stated that a new car park was not the answer.

So who would benefit from the building of a car park? The supporters? No. They would just get caught up in the bottle neck in Sands.

Local residents? No. They would be faced with more traffic chaos and noise.

The environment? No. This would just mean more concrete over green fields.

I just hope your report was wrong.

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Wycombe sign up new kit

BLUES will be wearing a new kit next season after signing a five-figure deal with Vandanel Sport and Leisure Limited.

The traditional light and dark blue quarters will remain as Wanderers promise a better quality product which will be available by the end of July.

Wanderers have lost £3,000 on their previous three-year deal with Brook Sports, which had one more season to run.

The club fell out with the company after supplies proved unreliable. Brook have since pulled out of providing soccer kits.

"We had no replicas for the last four months of the season," said sales and marketing manager Mark Austin. "The whole thing was a disaster."

While the new away kit of the Wycombe Wanderers Collection will be yellow-based, the home kit will only alter slightly from that worn over the last two seasons. The light blue quarters will incorporate the image of swans, while the sleeves will be quartered.

Austin said: "The club have taken into consideration the economic climate and our supporters, and have decided not to change the whole look." He added: "The quality has been taken up market."

● **THERE** will be a sale of old Wanderers merchandise in the Vere Suite on Saturday, July 4 (11am-5pm), with some massive reductions.

Stones won't be replaced

STRUGGLING Maidstone United will not be replaced if they are wound up next week.

Following Aldershot's exit from League football in March, a second club is now on the verge of folding.

The Football League have made an early decision that the new Third Division would operate with 22 clubs next season if the Stones' meeting with the liquidators next Wednesday ends in disaster for the former Conference champions.

The Football League spiked any Wycombe hopes of taking Maidstone's place. A spokesman said: "They would not be replaced for the same reasons as before — we are absorbing two clubs from the Premier League at the end of 1994/95."

Maidstone won promotion from the Conference just three years ago, and featured in the Fourth Division play-offs 12 months later after finishing fifth.

Sharing Dartford's Watling Street ground, they finished 19th in Division Four in 1991 and struggled again last year. Despite selling star assets, such as Steve Butler to Watford and Warren Barton to Wimbledon, their financial situation has deteriorated. Now they need a backer before next Wednesday to survive.