

Dear Sport,

I write regarding your report on Martin O'Neill in the Midweek dated November 10. The reason for the crowd being so quiet is all because of one PC who has been posted to stand among the crowd in the Valley End. Three home matches ago he stated that anyone who swore would be thrown out of the ground and barred for life. This has inevitably put a dampener on the crowd, as most of the crowd's songs contain a swear word. While swearing isn't clever, songs lose their impetus with words left out. The songs do not hurt anyone, but not being able to sing them affects the team and now obviously the manager.

We want to sing and help our super side along but feel we cannot while this PC is among us. There is also a gentleman who blows his air horn at times. The PC in question was overheard asking another PC some way of stopping the man using it. Why?

When a child threw a sweet towards the pitch, the crowd immediately discouraged him. This police officer, however, standing 15 yards from the incident, ignored the whole incident.

I agree that police should be on patrol at the ground, but I do not agree that the police should be able to stand in the ground and intimidate them into silence. This never happens when we are on our travels—hence the amount of noise made on these days.

I am not anti-police, having worked for them for ten years.

**Roger,
High Wycombe
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Dear Sport,
Perhaps through a misreading of a press report, Michael Payne, in a letter to Midweek, grievously wrongs the Blues manager, Martin O'Neill.

The point Martin was making was that he wished all supporters at home at Adams Park gave as much encouraging vocal support as do Wycombe's strong contingent at away games.

The manager and the club have many times praised the support given to the team. Wycombe well deserve the support they get.

**Arthur Church,
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Join us in giving Wanderers a song

MANAGER Martin O'Neill is supporting police, who have banned Wycombe Wanderers' fans from singing dirty songs.

"We do not want to hear obscene language," said Mr O'Neill on Wednesday.

Now he wants Blues' fans to come up with non-blue songs. "I would hope in the new dawn of a new era, we can have the dawn of a new song," he said.

O'Neill criticised fans after a game two weeks ago because the large crowd was silent on the terraces. But it emerges one reason fans are quiet is because

police have banned them from singing rude songs. Mr O'Neill backs the ban.

Club secretary John Goldsworthy said a fan told him the crowd was inhibited as police threatened to bar them if they swore.

Inspector James Williamson, of High Wycombe police, said: "Generally, Wycombe Wanderers' supporters are very good supporters. We are very pleased with fans' behaviour."

● If you can come up with good, clean football songs, call the Bucks Free Press on (0494) 521212.

● **WYCOMBE'S** young striker Alec Norman, who was substitute for the first team once last season, has had a trial with Luton.

He impressed in his 45 minutes of a game against Crystal Palace under 18s, and was invited back for further trials before sustaining a hamstring injury for Wycombe youths. Lawes confirmed that Luton intend to continue their interest in the John Hampden Grammar School pupil on his recovery.

● **CHESHAM** have released former Wycombe Wanderer Sean Norman.

The club released a statement this week. In the statement manager Gerald Aplin said: "We've got Steve Bateman doing an outstanding job at left back, which is allowing him a freer reign to develop his considerable football skills."

"Lloyd Davies has also won the hearts of the supporters and is now fit again."

● **THREE** Chesham players have been selected to represent the Diadora League against an FA XI next Tuesday.

Andy Adebawale, defender Micky Barnes, and forward Michael Banton, will possibly be lining up against seven Wycombe Wanderers players.

Paul Hyde, Jason Cousins, Andy Kerr, Steve Thompson, Dave Carroll, Steve Guppy, and Keith Scott, were picked for the FA squad.

The game at St Albans City's Clarence Park ground (ko 7.30pm) represents a trial for the semi-professional England side.