

In off the post

Open letter to Wycombe Wanderers chairman Ivor Beeks
Dear Mr Beeks

MY girl-friend and I live in Bristol and although not season ticket holders, travel at least 100 miles to see more than 20 home and away league games each season.

Other commitments and the distance involved prevent us from seeing all the home games.

Now for the most important FA Cup game for 18 years we are unable to obtain tickets because we couldn't get to Wycombe to join the queue last Sunday.

When I rang the club to plead our case, Mr Goldsworthy told me that I had no proof of regular attendance.

I told him that we each had a 'Blues Club' membership, but he did not consider this to be adequate. But would we really have bothered to purchase this membership at £5 a head if we were not going to attend on a regular basis?

Many League clubs have a club membership scheme that costs a small fee and enables telephone ticket reservations to be made — this is essential for fans that don't live in the vicinity.

Wycombe should do the same — but in the absence of any other proof of regular attendance, why don't you use the 'Blues Club' membership scheme?

Only two weeks ago I received mail from the club asking me to sell raffle tickets for your Christmas draw.

It's strange that you consider 'Blues Club' members important enough to sell your raffle tickets, but not important enough to buy match tickets. Please delete me from your mailing list.

**Glenn Hill,
Baltic Wharf,
Bristol**

Dear Sir

I HESITATE to respond to Mr Payne's somewhat hysterical letter in last Friday's BFP apropos

thanks to Blues supporters, since clearly he is a man of tunnel vision with neither the grace nor the wit to admit to a mistake.

In 'In off the post' he doesn't even hit the corner flag! Correcting one assumption, I am neither a director nor a man having any part in the running of Wycombe Wanderers — a fine club.

He does not remember, he says, Wycombe supporters getting any praise. If it was really worth the trouble I could research back into programme notes and newspaper reports to demonstrate that the manager and club officials have many times acknowledged the worth of Wycombe supporters.

How can Mr Payne have missed them all?

**A H Church,
Desborough Avenue,
High Wycombe**

Dear Sir

IN view of the recent correspondence, reference Wycombe Wanderers FC youth squad, and their availability to represent the Berks and Bucks FA.

As scout for the Berks and Bucks FA covering East Berks, I would like to clear up one point.

I have found Wycombe Wanderers and in particular Jim Melvin extremely helpful and co-operative in releasing players for trials and county duty.

Over the past two seasons, no fewer than 13 players have been selected for the county squad. Last season eight players made the full county squad out of a total of 16 in the squad.

All players were awarded their county badge, with one receiving a silver salver for playing over 12 games, and three a silver tankard for playing over eight games.

**Mike McCarthy,
East Berks Scout,
Berks & Bucks FA,
Wellfield,
Hazlemere,
High Wycombe**

IN THE BLUE CORNER

● **BE REALISTIC** about car parking on Sunday — walk! There is no general public parking for Wycombe's game with Albion, due to the space required by television vehicles.

Car park spaces are available at Sands Middle School and at the Mill End Road school. Supporters should arrive at Adams Park by 12.45pm to ensure admission.

● **BLUES'** Capital League game at Cambridge, and Albion's Autoglass encounter with Walsall were both rained off this week.

Blues groundsman Jim Gardner reports Sunday's game is 99.9 per cent certain to take place. "Only snow or thunder and lightning will call it off," he said. Wycombe's pitch has had 17 clear days since its last match.

● **THIS week's** league line winners are: £400 P. Griffiths (membership number 815), £25 L. Beeks (002) and E. Essex (728). The Lucky letters are I, Z and M.

● **SUNDAY** promises to be a big day for publishing at Wycombe Wanderers. Two Blues fanzines will be jostling for prime spot in Hill-bottom Road. 'Rhubarb Rhubarb' should make its first appearance on the day an awesome latest edition of 'The Adams Family' goes on sale, featuring a Blues pantomime special.

● **GOOD** luck to the Wanderers juniors in next Thursday night's FA Youth Cup second round match at home to Cambridge City.

● **WANDERERS** have drawn Cheltenham Town at home in the first round of the FA Trophy, to be played on January 9.

● **CORALS** in Castle Street, Wycombe, are offering the following prices: 2/1 a Wycombe win and 5/4 a West Brom win.

● **THE Sunday market** is obviously off this weekend, but will be back a week on Sunday.