

COMMENT

It was worth waiting for

IT may have taken a long time and a lot of effort but seeing Wycombe Wanderers win the Conference championship was worth waiting for.

Even a dismal performance against Macclesfield could not deter the enjoyment of the thousands of fans who flooded the pitch.

The mercurial Irishman Martin O'Neill was the hero of the hour and the loudest cheers were reserved, quite rightly, for him. We share Blues' director Alan Parry's hopes that Martin can be persuaded to stay, but we also recognise O'Neill's desire to fulfil his ambitions.

We were also pleased to see that the night before the game Wanderers chairman Ivor Beeks was honoured by district council chairman Peter Cartwright. The reception at Adams Park attracted three MPs and a host of local celebrities, despite calls for a boycott of the venue.

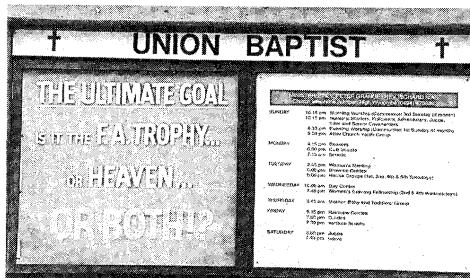
It was fitting that popular council chairman Peter Cartwright should pay tribute to Wanderers, hopefully ending the long rift between both organisations.

The reception was also a good occasion to acknowledge some long-overdue debts to the community. Peter Cartwright gave an award to Axa Equity and Law for its continuing and unstinting sponsorship of local events.

And from company of the year, he moved to person of the year and he rightly honoured Evelyn Roe for her outstanding contribution to so many local causes.

We hope that these awards will continue and that others who do so much for the local area will eventually receive their due recognition.

Church poses question to Blues' faithful



Final analysis: Cryptic question for Wanderers' fans

KEITH Scott and Steve Guppy won't be the only ones with heavenly skills at Wembley on May 9 – for Wycombe Wanderers also have God on their side.

First, the Bucks Free Press reported last week that Wycombe vicar Frank Hillebrand aims to make a frantic motorway dash to see the last 20 minutes of the FA Trophy Final between the Blues and Runcorn.

Frank, from All Saints' Parish Church, has an afternoon service at the same

time as the match. But he plans to leap into his car and head for Wembley as soon as prayers end.

Now, I've also spotted another church with Wembley on its mind. The Union Baptist signboard in Easton Street, High Wycombe, displays a poster with a cryptic question referring to the Blues.

I've no idea what this all means. But it occurs to me now that perhaps the fans aren't joking when they sing: "Martin O'Neill walks on water."

Supporter suggests Blues' fans should keep right on

A FEW weeks ago it was being asked for people to submit entries for made-up songs for the Wanderers.

May I, at this stage of their long, hard season, and what looks as if it is going to be a successful season, make a suggestion?

What about a ready-made song which would be most suitable for the occasion? That is, Sir Harry Lauder's Keep Right On To The End Of The Road.

With a recording over the Tannoy, and a printed sheet in the programme, with the words, wouldn't it sound great from five to six thousand people to sing in the remaining matches and of course again at Wembley for the final? I ask

not to be named, it is just my love for the Wanderers.

I am 70 years of age and a voluntary worker for them. I leave the rest to you.

PS – On thinking about it, Adams Park is at the end of the road. It IS a rousing song you know!

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