

Blues stay big-hearted

IT is delightful to be reassured that despite the fact Wycombe Wanderers is rapidly becoming a big club it remains big hearted.

Its gesture towards seven-year-old Danny Graham, who lost his father in a car crash in January, is all you'd expect and more from a club that has its roots well and truly planted in the local community.

Danny will walk up the famous Wembley Stadium tunnel as the team's mascot before the FA Trophy Final on Sunday.

Wembley rules will prevent him stepping onto the legendary turf but that won't spoil a day that he will remember for ever.

We are not suggesting that this could ever undo the damage of his family tragedy, but if ever a youngster deserved to have a dream come true it is him.

The club is to be congratulated for making space for the youngster on a day when it could be excused for devoting its energies to winning.

The Bucks Free Press is pleased to be able to contribute, in some small way, to Danny's special day by sponsoring his kit. We wish him and his family as happy a day as possible, we know that throughout it the knowledge of how proud Mr Graham would have been will be with them.

On current form the Blues will need all of our good wishes as well. Let us hope the day lifts the team as it did on May 11, 1991. Whatever happens, win, lose or draw, it will be a magnificent day that once again puts the town on the map.

We can be proud of our team proud of its skill, its success and its heart.



Best wishes: Steve Guppy is greeted by five-year-old Samuel Dearlove, Matt 'Guppy' Styles and Claire Murray

School turns out for Guppy

YOUNG Blues fanatics showered their hero Steve Guppy with cakes, cards, pictures and mountains of good luck messages in a pre-Wembley school appearance.

The Wycombe Wanderers winger was greeted by the sight of deputy headteacher Leigh Oliver and colleague Sharon Davies in the Blues kit when he visited Shelburne

County First School yesterday.

The five-year-old children, who are busy learning letters, have excelled with W thanks to Leigh's slogan: "Wycombe Wanderers winning at Wembley."

Steve joined the children at the school in Cressex Road, High Wycombe, answered questions and signed autographs.

Blues' take the Abbey Road to Wembley

BLUES players tried to hit the right note for Wembley when they went to Abbey Road studios in London on Wednesday to record an anthem. Players re-enacted the Beatles Abbey Road album cover, before recording two songs, Wycombe Wanderers Number One and a medley, Singing The Blues. Blues fan and studio manager Ken Townsend organised the session.



Ty Gooden, Paul Hyde, Paul Barrowcliff and Dennis Greene

CHURCH VIEW



By ARTHUR CHURCH



"That's not very sporting, old chap," I hear you say. And of course it isn't. But it is not very sporting either for, as I read, a section of our Wycombe district councillors to declare a boycott of their chairman's end-of-year party because it was held at Adams Park, home of Wycombe Wanderers FC.

They are reported to have said that the choice of venue was "grossly stupid", apparently because there has been some past controversy on planning applications.

In my view, it is grossly stupid of the councillors involved to take up such an attitude. It is blind, petty, obdurate, ignorant, childish - use any synonym you care to dig up.

They are doing it, I suspect, to catch the votes of those residents of Sands who opposed, and continue to oppose, the siting of the football grounds. I hope they will have been caught up in a backlash of feeling that such tactics are unfair and that they will have been shown the red card.

Can we now expect some of our councillors to boycott events at the Wycombe Swan because there had been some controversy over it?