

Cup ticket policy boots out families

I FEEL what happened concerning the allocation of tickets for the Wycombe v Norwich FA Cup tie did no favours at all for families.

After the allocation of the 180 family enclosure tickets, families were just forgotten about.

Unfortunately, my family and I were unable to purchase tickets for the match as the 10am-1pm ticket office opening time coincided with my three sons' Star League junior football matches.

We telephoned the club last week to see if there was any way we would be able to purchase tickets at the Carlisle home match on Saturday as we would all be there in person, but were told no, only if we were season ticket holders or League Line members.

While we can understand the main reasons to allocate tickets on a one-person-one-ticket basis, we feel a fairer system should apply to families. One adult plus two junior tickets if required, as is the case for the family enclosure, does not seem unreasonable.

We have supported the Blues for five seasons and followed them to many away fixtures. The boys have not missed a home game and a photograph of us at the Carlisle away game was featured in the Wycombe v Leyton Orient game programme labelled 'photographic evidence'.

We are naturally very disappointed that we will not be seeing the biggest game of Wycombe Wanderers' history in person, and think that if this situation arises again Wycombe Wanderers could consider issuing vouchers to families like ourselves, who attend all home matches, which could then be exchanged for tickets if for some reason the whole family could not queue for tickets at the allotted time.

Ironically, my three sons have been denied tickets just because they themselves were playing football when the tickets went on sale.

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WYCOMBE Wanderers middle schools initiative, which started 18 months ago, now involves more than 30 schools in South Buckinghamshire, including Sands Middle School (which splits the proceeds of a car park scheme with the club).

The club will visit a school for one-and-a-quarter hours during a six-week programme, which includes coaching from some of the club's players. They will help develop passing, shooting and dribbling skills. At the end of the six weeks there will be a formal presentation evening at which the boys and girls receive a one to six star certificate, plus a ticket for a first team game. Parents pay £20 for the course.

A similar week-long course operates during the school holidays: this generally costs £36.

A new scheme - Learning Through Football - involves the schools bringing one or two classes for a full day at the club. The approach involves using football to teach academic skills, for example: geography (the team's travels), mathematics (how many rectangles are there in a soccer pitch?), and history (of the club). There are written exercises and a video during lunch. All the pupils receive a ticket to see a club game.

Wycombe Wanderers is also beginning to work with senior schools, offering, for example, the John Hampden Grammar School and the Royal Grammar School 200 free tickets for pupils, provided that an accompanying adult purchases a ticket.

ADULT Basic Education (ABE) at Sands Middle School is offering a new range of courses starting on January 10. Brush Up Your English starts on Monday, January 10, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, then switches to a Wednesday meeting after half-term. Get-That-Job offers the expected improvement in job-seeking skills. It will meet on Fridays from 10am to noon,

BLUES SQUAD

Player	Ap	G	B	SO
Dave Carroll	27	3	0	0
Jason Cousins	26	1	3	2
Glyn Creaser	7	2	1	0
Matt Crossley	28	1	1	0
Terry Evans	23	6	2	0
Dennis Greene	0	0	0	0
Steve Guppy	28	4	0	0
Hakan Hayrettin	27	1	4	0
Tony Hemmings	20	4	2	0
Duncan Horton	17	0	3	0
Simon Hutchinson	14	0	0	0
Paul Hyde	30	0	1	0
Andy Kerr	15	3	1	0
Tim Langford	20	8	0	0
Chuck Moussaddik	0	0	0	0
Alec Norman	1	0	0	0
Darren Rogers	2	0	0	0
Keith Ryan	29	2	1	0
Paul Shepstone	1	0	0	0
Simon Stapleton	3	0	0	0
Steve Thompson	16	2	1	0
David Titterton	9	0	3	0
Mark West	0	0	0	0

Ap: Appearances G: Goals B: Bookings
SO: Sendings Off

A PHOTOGRAPHER who has visited more than 900 football matches and the majority of football grounds in the country brings a unique exhibition of soccer culture to High Wycombe's Guildhall in January.

Stuart Clarke's The Homes of Football chronicles the game from the fans' perspective during a period of enormous change in the complexion of grounds and organisation of football.

The 33-year-old, who was born in Berkhamsted and now lives in Cumbria, counts Wycombe Wanderers among his top four favourite clubs, and the exhibition will feature pictures taken at Adams Park. His project is supported by the Football Trust.

The colour photos are complemented by football memorabilia, including football shirts. The show is being put on by Wycombe Local History and Chair Museum and runs until March 3.



Stuart Clarke