

Claire is the new boss

SOCCER writer, Claire Nash has become the first female sports editor in the 138-year history of the Bucks Free Press.

Claire, 24, succeeds Nick Goodman who left last week to become a freelance for the national newspapers.

She joined the paper in 1989 as an editorial assistant, but was soon promoted to the reporting staff.

Adams Family believe criticism was harsh

WRITERS of The Adams Family fanzine have turned down a request to help with Wycombe's Blues News paper after club secretary John Goldsworthy criticised a spoof of his programme column.

Goldsworthy challenged the fanzine creators to fill his page three slot after their piece Behind the Fanzine Scene, by Jack Silverworth, appeared in their last publication.

They teased the secretary's whimsical notes about his passion for good wine, Sky TV sport and his car. But Goldsworthy said in the next match programme: "It is appalling that the genuine and time-consuming efforts of contributors should be the subject of the inane natterings of a nomad collection."

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John surprised Adams Family

Open letter to John Goldsworthy

WE write this letter with reference to an article written by The Adams Family and your Behind the Scenes notes on Tuesday 25 January, and an article in the Bucks Free Press.

Firstly, it should be made clear that our article was in no way meant to cause offence to you, and when chosen to appear in our fanzine, we genuinely thought you would appreciate it.

You mention in your article that people actually contribute to our pamphlet. Well, we have pleasure in telling you now that this article was one such contribution. Having said that T.A.F. is still 100 per cent behind the article.

The article was a friendly, tongue-in-cheek look at your notes carrying hammed up yet reasonably factual information on your wine passion, Sky TV, car and neighbours' cat. Jibes on our lager drinking, Capris and Cortinas are merely assumptions hitting way off the mark of truth.

For you to write this to your audience of 3,000 plus is surprising as only 900 of them would have understood what on earth you were going on about.

Your notes could be an easy target for T.A.F. to abuse. A regular column containing reasonably irrelevant points, such as your drinking, as well as many other uncommon facts not usually found in a football programme.

Had we been a more callous group of chaps, I'm sure we could have come up with something more upsetting and abusive than our contributor. This however seems to have been left up to you.

As for you naming our fanzine a pamphlet, we find this strange. A pamphlet is surely something handed out or posted for free. T.A.F., however, is a publication that sells 900 copies for 50p regularly. The people who buy it are the people you have offended. I'm sure that we have offended no-one but yourself. We will say again that this was not our intention.

Recently the club has approached us to write for Blues News. This has been turned down, due to present circumstances. The same goes for your kind but not honoured invitation to write your Behind the Scenes page.

We have no interest in writing for the programme, we write purely for fun. It's a shame such a large setback like this has occurred.

In the past you have called us lovable rogues, and we have presented you with a bottle of wine, albeit from Butlins. How can you change your opinion so quickly?

It's a shame that one article taken the wrong way can upset you so much.

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Capital League Update

An away win!! Yes, we travelled to Layer Road on February 2nd and followed up our Autoglass victory with a 3-0 success over Mr. McDonough's second string. Our line-up that night was C.Moussaddik, H.Hayrettin, R.Smith, D.Horton, S.Prindiville, P.Shepstone, D.Carroll, M.Cooper, D.Titterton, L.Turnbull and D.Van Reen. Subs - S.Stevens and A.Norman. We led at the interval through a Titterton goal and followed up with second half strikes from Carroll and Van Reen to secure our first away win of the campaign.