



Thrilled: Geraldine with Steve Guppy (left) and Keith Ryan

Our Jim fixes it for Wycombe fan

MY bid to outdo Jimmy Savile is really taking off after I fixed-it for a bedridden Wycombe Wanderers' fan to meet two of her heroes.

Readers may recall how I recently set up an unofficial service entitled Steve Cohen May Be Able To Fix It.

But I was about to abandon this after getting no response. Then, a day before Wycombe went to Wembley, I received a lovely letter from Coral Aldridge, of Bowerdean Road, High Wycombe.

Coral told how her daughter Geraldine was unable to go to Wembley after losing the use of her legs through a virus.

"I wonder Steve if you can fix, say, two players to come and see her sometime, it would certainly spur her on," said Coral.

No problem there. Big-hearted stars Steve Guppy and Keith Ryan immediately agreed, and the result was a surprise visit to 19-year-old Geraldine last week.

Now Coral is urging other readers to take up my fix-it service.

"Oh, I think it's marvellous, I really do. I think it's going to bring so much joy to so many people," she said.

A confession here, though. I delegated Coral's request to young reporter James Gibbons, who did all the hard work contacting the Wanderers' players. So after all that, it was still a case of Jim who fixed it.

● Any other reader with a worthy request is welcome to write to Steve Cohen May Be Able To Fix It, Bucks Free Press Midweek, Gomm Road, High Wycombe, HP13 7DW.

Soccer special didn't enjoy happy returns

WHAT a great idea – special trains to Wembley.

I purchased four tickets the previous Monday and two more on Friday all ready for take-off.

The outward journey was great – well organised in Wycombe, friendly staff and police with a smile.

Arriving at Wembley, the staff had miserable faces, but no problems.

But what happened when we left? The trains obviously did not have enough coaches. We (my happy band) waited with hundreds for two hours for our return train. British Rail staff tried to help and keep us informed.

Police, especially transport police, were friendly and apologetic. We were cold and disappointed.

I caught a regular service train with the last of the crowd as, having a pacemaker, I did not want to be pushed around any more. And thank goodness for the warmth of the train and a seat which was not available to me on the 12.15 outward.

Come on British Rail – do we use your services next time?

Congratulations to Wycombe Station staff for their contribution to our great day. Martin O'Neill's Army were thrilled with Wycombe's day. Thanks to all concerned.

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Fan rails against soccer specials

BRITISH Rail did a great service in getting us Wanderers supporters to Wembley with its 15 minute-interval specials.

Why then did they not run the same service after the game, instead of us having to use the normal Saturday afternoon scheduled service?

By the time the special did arrive, most of us had spent more time in the queue that watching the game!

Lucky for BR that Wycombe won. I don't think we would have been quite so good tempered if we'd lost.

**Ronald Moss
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Wembley trains spoil play-off trip

WHAT a day. A trip to Wembley. Our team in the final play-off. The best supporters any team could want, all with great expectations, and rightly so.

I went with my granddaughter and my son-in-law. A magic day, but not so. First of all British Rail failed to live up to their commitment of a train every 15 minutes from Wycombe to Wembley, for which we waited 45 minutes.

And then to the stadium, where we always have a drink before taking our seats, only to be charged £2.20 for a small bottle of lager, and nearly the same for a Coke.

The only thing to make the day worth while was the performance of a great team with a great manager.

What I can't understand is why the supporters of a great team should be ripped off in such a way that a lot of fans could not afford to see the match.

And then after the game, we had to wait one-and-a-half hours for a train back to Wycombe.

Thank you, British Rail, for making a magic day into a day of frustration.

Perhaps one day we will get a square deal from those who control us, such as British Rail, who still treat us as cattle, and the rip-off merchants of Wembley Stadium.

Let's hope it will be better when Wycombe win the FA Cup.

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