

MARRIAGE could be on the cards for two football fans – who met at the most hostile game ever played at Adams Park.

Police and Wycombe Wanderers club officials were so worried about the violent atmosphere generated at last season's Autoglass Trophy game between the Blues and Swansea City that this year's Division Two game has been made all ticket.

But for lovebirds Richard Chivers and Claire Jones, the match was also the setting for the start of their whirlwind romance.

Claire, a Swansea fan from Merthyr Tydfil, has even spent the summer living with Blues fan Richard in Cotswold Way, High Wycombe, and has been a regular at Adams Park.

The couple met in the Vere Suite at Adams Park after last season's game, after Claire and her dad were invited into the bar area by Swansea star midfielder and close friend Jason Bowen.

Claire, 19, said: "While we were in there, we just got chatting to Richard and his

friends, mostly about the football.

"I am also a student at Cardiff University, and he told me he had a friend at the University of Glamorgan, and friends in Cardiff, so we arranged for him to come down.

"I rang him up a couple of weeks later and it went from there. I suppose it was love at first sight, even if the circumstances were a little strange!

"Marriage is on the cards. When I have finished college, it is a possibility."

Richard, 21, has been to Wycombe games this season with Claire, and even stood next to her during last Saturday's game against Brentford – despite the fact she was wearing her Swansea top!

Claire admits her dad is still unsure about the couple's relationship. She said: "It's because he's English!"

And, although Claire will travel to Adams Park for the Division Two game between the clubs on October 1, she vowed: "We'll definitely be in different ends of the ground."

WYCOMBE Wanderers' fans stood for a minute's silence to pay tribute to club vice-president Judge John Roberts, who died on Tuesday.



John Roberts

minute's silence for Mr Roberts, a former director, just before their match against Brentford at Adams Park on Saturday.

Mr Roberts qualified as a solicitor in 1957, before joining High Wycombe law firm, Winter-Taylors, in 1959.

He started as an assistant solicitor and became a partner in 1961. He worked as South Buckinghamshire Coroner from the early 1980s until 1991.

Mr Roberts was made a circuit judge by the Lord Chancellor in

Mr Roberts died peacefully at his home in Speen after a two-year battle against cancer. He was 58.

The football club staged the

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June 1991 and became a freeman of the City of London.

Colleagues at Winter-Taylors paid their tribute to the former partner.

Charles Winter-Taylor said: "He was firm, kind and he was a good lawyer and a good advocate."

Present coroner Richard Hulett said: "I shall remember him as a very gracious and determined man."

Mr Roberts was president of the Wycombe Show and died just days after this year's event.

The judge was once president of High Wycombe Rotary Club. He was also a trustee of St John Ambulance, chairman of the Buckinghamshire Housing Association, and was a governor at St Bernard's School, in High Wycombe, and Pipers Corner School, in Great Kingshill.

Mr Roberts leaves behind a wife, Pat, and children Hugh, Paul, Emma and Louise. A requiem mass and burial is due to be held at St Augustine's Church, High Wycombe, at 11am today.