

Wanderers' critic is 'Hammered'

MAY I express my deepest sympathy with Mr Knights's letter (January 13), for the appalling traumas he apparently suffered as a result of attending the Wycombe Wanderers v West Ham FA Cup match.

May I suggest he obtains some kind of professional counselling to help him get over having to stand near some West Ham supporters, lest he be emotionally scarred for life by the experience.

Also, Mr Knights points out that the Vere Suite, quite disgracefully, was crowded with people before and after the game – clearly an unacceptable situation which would be prevented in future simply by appointing stewards not only to check membership cards when supporters enter, but to prevent anyone entering until Mr Knights has arrived, bought his drink and sat down.

As for the blatant rip-off of increasing the programme price from £1.30 to £1.50, simply because it's an FA Cup match against Premiership opposition, I have enclosed 20 pence from my savings; perhaps the Bucks Free Press would be good enough to forward this on to Mr Knights, to ease the financial hardship he has endured.

You may by now have noticed a tinge of sarcasm in this letter (the lowest form of wit, of course). The football club will no doubt make their own 'official' response to Mr Knights's letter, and will probably be much more polite.

However, they will, I suggest, be thinking along the same lines as myself and thousands of other Wycombe Wanderers supporters: if it's space in the bar you want, no away fans near you on the terraces, and cheaper programmes, the solution is simple. Try Aylesbury United, or Slough Town, or Chesham United, or Marlow. You know it makes sense.

Name and address supplied

20p puts Brian on spot

A BLUES fan has offered to pay the 20p difference in the cost of Brian Knights' match programme after reading his complaint in last week's Bucks Free Press.

Brian, of Highfield Avenue, Booker, wrote to complain after the price of the programme rose from £1.30 to £1.50 when Wycombe Wanderers played West Ham in the FA Cup third round. He accused

Wycombe Wanderers of being greedy.

Simon Burrage, of Marlow Road, Lane End, contacted us offering to give Brian the 20p extra out of his savings.

When told of the offer, Brian said: "No thanks, I don't think so. Sounds like he is taking the mickey."

Simon said of Brian's reaction: "It was only meant as a joke. Why don't you put it in a charity box?"

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Diamond couple are true Blues

I WAS delighted to see the story and pictures about the diamond wedding of Les and Alice Blake (my brother and sister-in-law), in last week's Bucks Free Press.

The one disappointment was that no mention was made of their fanatical following of Wycombe Wanderers for the past 60 years. This was their great love, and, until recent years, they travelled to many away matches. They also had a special place to stand at Loakes Park, for all home matches, where friends and relatives joined them.

One BFP photographer, Jeff Holmes, got to know them so well he made a point of always meeting them for his sweet ration!

Alas, because of age and ill-health, they are now restricted to home matches, but are still keen supporters.

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Saints and Wanderers fight for Cup

CHALFONT St Peter are looking forward to their biggest game of the season against Wycombe Wanderers in the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup at Adams Park tonight (ko 7.45pm).

Wycombe, 23-time winners of the competition, were beaten by Marlow at this same stage last year. Manager Martin O'Neill plans to field a 'pretty strong' side containing a mixture of first team and reserve players.

Admission charges have been reduced. Wycombe season ticket holders will be able to buy seats for £6. Concessions are £3, and terrace tickets are £5. Vice presidents' tickets are £10.

■Wycombe Wanderers' postponed Division Two match at Chester City, due to be played on the New Year Bank Holiday, will now take place on Tuesday, January 31 (ko 7.45pm).