

WYCOMBE Wanderers player Terry Evans was the star of the day during the first-ever charity ride through the county on Bank Holiday Monday.

At least 330 bike fans, from as far afield as Bournemouth and the Isle of Dogs, battled the steep country lanes to take part in the High Wycombe Rotary Club Pedal Push.

Terry was first to finish after riding the 31-mile half-distance course in just under two-and-a-half hours.

Others chose the endurance test of the 50 mile course.

Bucks Free Press reporter Alan Barber, 32, who rode in

the 31-mile route said: "It made a great change from pushing a pen. It was pretty difficult but I admit I did not do much training."

Jackie Forster, 40, who works at NatWest Bank, in High Wycombe, said: "It was good. We enjoyed it. It was a challenge," she said afterwards.

Organiser Gerald Wiles, of Henton, Chinnor, said: "We have had about 50 people turn up and enter on the day. Had the weather been better, we might have had double that number."

Cash was raised for Wycombe Stroke Appeal, The Mayor's Appeal and other Rotary charities.

New stand is ready to use

BLUES fans can reserve their seats in the new Woodlands Stand from Monday.

Wycombe Wanderers' season tickets for the 5,000 seater stand, the Mainstand and AXA Equity and Law Stand will be on offer from 9.15am.

Existing season ticket holders will have priority for tickets in the new stand until June 10.

Those holding season tickets for the Main Stand have until June 17 to renew them.

Tickets can be bought from the Commercial Offices at Adams Park, from 9.15am to 5.15pm Monday to Friday (until 7pm Tuesday 4th).

Blues book authors issue picture plea

THE writers of a history book about Wycombe Wanderers Football Club are appealing for people to help them if they have any pre-Second World War photographs and programmes.

Long-time Blues fans Dave Finch and Steve Peart have spent the last three years researching and compiling information for the 256-page long

hardback book which will contain the club's whole history with statistics dating back to the club's first recognised match in 1887.

They are currently putting the finishing touches to it, but are looking for further pictures from earlier this century.

If you can help, contact Dave Finch on (01494) 814902 or Steve

Peart on (01494) 444673. The book, which is due for a mid-November release, costs £16.95.

Wycombe Wanderers will be selling it from their outlets. The book is published by Middlesex-based Yore Publications.

If you would like to place an order, telephone Tim Arnold or Tom Cook on (01494) 472100.

Songwriters were challenged to put their pens to paper to cheer up Wycombe Wanderers manager Alan Smith with a happy tune.

But his plight did not inspire many of our readers as there were only two entries for the Star's competition to make Alan smile.

Our competition was launched after Alan's week from hell in early May.

First he was the subject of a veiled attack in the club programme, then he had to endure bitter personal criticism from the mother of former goalkeeper Paul Hyde at a stormy

BLUES manager Alan Smith has found support from two songwriters, as Emma Griffiths reports.

meeting of the Wycombe Wanderers' Independent Supporters' Club.

The Star offered £10 to the reader with the best song to boost Alan and the team's morale.

The two entries were from self-employed Dee Paterson, 35, from Old Amersham, and songwriting team Starr and Ann Francois.

Dee said: "I have made the song

short and simple so that anyone can sing it and remember the words."

Dee likes playing the guitar and the piano and composing, but says only her dog has heard any of her songs until now. The chorus goes:

Have you ever heard of the Wycombe Blues?

They can make you happy if you really choose.

Have you ever heard of the Wycombe Blues?

So come on Alan Smith now, You've got all the know-how, And we'll be Wycombe Wandering along with you.

Starr's entry has a catchy reggae beat. The chorus goes:

*Wycombe Wanderers our local team
Give us a goal and show them what you mean
Heroes forever our boys in blue
Wherever you play
We'll be there for you*