

We're standing by the Blues

THE Bucks Free Press has pledged its support for family football with a £50,000 sponsorship deal of Wycombe Wanderers' new 5,000 seater Woodlands Stand.

In a deal struck last week the Free Press has hammered out a 12-month agreement, backing the family section within the new stand.

The 1,738-seats and 50 disabled places set aside specifically for families will now be known as the Bucks Free Press Family Stand.

The deal is a major boost to Wanderers, who know the importance of attracting young supporters to the ground.

Last year the club ran several schemes to attract younger fans to Adams Park, including a-quad-a-kid promotions.

Club secretary, John Reardon said this week that general season ticket sales are going well, nearing



In this together: Editor Steve Cohen with Blues' Ivor Beeks

the 2,000 mark. Reardon said the club had a good response to the extended deadline for existing season-ticket holders.

Meanwhile, on the pitch,

Wanderers boss Alan Smith appears to be happy with the way things are shaping up after recent signings, although he admits it will not stop there.

Smith is on the look out for another striker to complement Miquel Desouza and John Williams.

He said: "All the time I will be looking to strengthen the side. We have got to look to the future. If I can improve or change things for the better I will do so."

The squad was due to meet for their first pre-season training session today. Smith organised the session at Adams Park, instead of the usual Bisham Abbey venue, because he wanted the players to see the progress of the new stand.

On Sunday Wanderers will travel to Catterick for a week's training at an army camp. The YTS squad have a better induction to the new season, a week's training at Butlins in Minehead.

■ Paul Hardyman has agreed to a one-month trial with Barnett following a meeting with the club's chairman on Monday.