

Fans facing re-education

WYCOMBE Wanderers bosses have admitted they expect chaos at the ground next Friday when the new ticketing system is brought in to force.

Wanderers are due to take on Ray Wilkins' Queen's Park Rangers in a friendly at Adams Park next Friday (ko 7.45pm) and it will be the first test for the new ticket system.

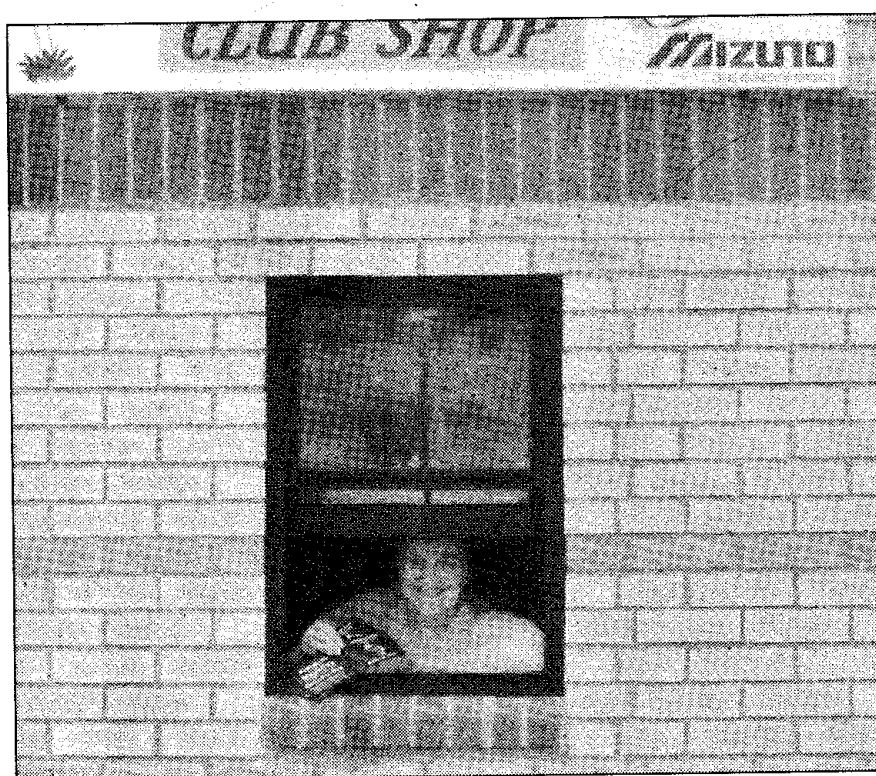
The system will mean the end of paying at the turnstiles and Wycombe's financial director Charles Colton said that unless supporters re-educate themselves to the new system, they could be faced with long queues at the ground.

"People will have to change their habits. We expect a fair amount of chaos for matches until people realise they cannot turn up at 2.30 and just walk into the ground."

A total of eight ticket booths will now serve the entire ground. Similar to the computerised ticketing service used at many cinemas, the system has been adopted by more than 40 Football League clubs, including Liverpool and Manchester United.

All the clubs reported initial teething problems with it as supporters failed to allow themselves enough time to buy tickets.

But, on the plus side, tickets can be bought before match days through the system at Adams Park or Wanderers In Town in



New view: One of the eight new windows at Adams Park

the Octagon Shopping Centre.

Supporters will also be able to buy tickets for a series of games of their choice in advance. Away supporters will continue to pay at the turnstiles.

■Wycombe Wanderers have been told they will have to play their first league fixture of the season on a Sunday.

The club have been ordered by the Football Association to play their Division Two clash with

Shrewsbury Town at Gay Meadow on Sunday, August 18.

The Saturday fixture was cancelled because it clashed with Shrewsbury's annual flower show, which attracts 30,000 visitors.

■Blues' Simon Stapleton has signed for Conference side Slough Town this week.

■Sellers are need for the 50/50 match day draw tickets. For further details contact Mike Phillips on (01494) 472100.