

Printer's pressing mission

FORMER Wycombe Wanderers player Gary Lester is going to Romania to investigate the possibility of setting up a printing press in a remote area.

Gary, of Orchard Road, Seer Green, will travel to Eastern Europe by minibus, on August 8, with the St Giles Trust charity, based in Chalfont St Giles.

Gary, who played for Wycombe Wanderers until last year, is a printer by trade.

He decided to make the trip after discovering that there are very few facilities or supplies for printing leaflets or other material. He knows of one particular minister in Romania who is in charge of 120 congregations, and has no way of keeping in regular touch with them.

Most printed material has to be imported from Hungary at a high cost.

The printer hopes to be able to come back with enough information to start a fundraising campaign for the project.

Gary said: "The purpose of the trip is to see whether it is viable."

WOKING FC Manager
Geoff Chapple is optimistic about making a signing in the next week and of securing the signatures of favourites Lloyd Wye and Scott Steele.

Chapple has offered terms to Wycombe Wanderer's Terry Howard and is hoping that the challenge of helping Woking into the Nationwide League will help entice the 30 year old centre back to Kingfield.

Both Wye and Steele want their contracts improved. Wye is looking for long-term security from Woking, while 24-year-old Steele is hoping for a more flexible one year contract.

Chapple said that both are the type of players he would like to keep at Woking: "Lloyd's got red and white in his blood and Scotty's been really good for us."

LETTER

Visitors' levy is unjustified

I AM writing with extreme concern at Wycombe Wanderers' proposed discriminatory pricing policy towards adult visiting supporters for the coming season.

Discrimination is not too strong a word to describe WWFC's action in charging £10 for visiting supporters to sit in a converted terrace, behind a goal, of which the roof does not extend over the whole of its area.

This bears no comparison with home supporters only being charged £8 to sit in the upper tier of the completely covered new purpose-built stand along the side of the pitch.

Don't get me wrong, WWFC do deserve some credit for making the cost of seating start at a reasonable £8 for home adult supporters.

This does not, however, excuse the hiked-up price of admission to visiting supporters who now, in theory, have no choice of being able to stand or sit, unlike home supporters.

Indeed, visiting supporters, with some justification, may now decide to gain admission to the cheaper and better home areas of the ground, breaking down the sad but sometimes necessary need for segregation.

The Football League has regulations to protect segregation and the rights of supporters, in that, any club is not supposed to charge visiting supporters more for comparable accommodation.

It is therefore doubly sad that WWFC who, up to now, have had an excellent record in equal treatment of all supporters now appear to be breaking the spirit, if not the letter, of these regulations.

It has been suggested that WWFC are only retaliating because of the way their own supporters are sometimes unfairly treated at away grounds.

While it is true that this has been known to happen, it is not really the way forward to pander to people's worst instincts and create a bigger vicious circle.

Do the WWFC board of directors know that their actions may mean that their own supporters will now have to pay even higher admission prices on their travels? Do they even care?

We keep hearing from the powers that be at WWFC that the club are now a business. However, what businesses do you know force some of their customers to pay more for an inferior product?

I wonder what High Wycombe's elected councillors (who only recently WWFC were so keen to cultivate) feel about what is going on down at Adams Park? After all, such discrimination also reflects badly on the image of the town as a whole.

How do Amersham & Wycombe College, the sponsors of the visitors' accommodation, feel about their name being associated with such unethical behaviour?

Perhaps these bodies can bring pressure to bear as the club do not appear to listen to any of their supporters groups, both of whom must surely be against what the club are doing.

Come on WWFC, it is not too late to rediscover your previously held sense of decency on such matters. Charge the fair price of £8 for adult visiting supporters and £5 for visiting juniors and senior citizens. Go some way to restoring the good name of the club which has taken a bit of a battering in the last few months.

After all, a good name is something you cannot put a price on.
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