

LETTERS

No understanding of true supporters

I am not someone who would normally pass my own thoughts onto others through my local newspaper, but I am afraid the insulting letter penned by Mr Peart in the last issue of the Bucks Free Press has forced me to do so.

The letter itself was naive enough, in its lack of understanding of the average supporter, but to then say that he has the right to spout his views in the local paper, but those of us who wish to respond do not have the right, and should only direct those views to the club, was downright insulting.

It is clear from Mr Peart's letter that he cannot relate to the average fan, and I suspect from his letter that he has followed QPR longer than he has Wycombe Wanderers.

Does he really believe that QPR fans did not complain more last season than Wycombe fans? It appears that his conclusions have been drawn from talking to one father and son, whilst his survey of Wycombe fans has been taken from a rather more representative survey.

I use the expression naive because of his attitude of what he calls the supporters' "negative" comments. Please do not keep telling us what you consider to be a true supporter Mr Peart.

You have done a tremendous job on the financial side at WWFC, but clearly find it difficult to understand the views of the average fan.

The BFP has printed many letters over the last few years, many congratulating the club and the way it has been run. There have also been many letters putting forward comments and criticisms.

This is exactly the same as every other club in the country, including QPR and I am sure even Newcastle United.

No matter how well you do there is always room for improvement and you should always be open to criticism.

It does appear that certain people expect fans to simply sit back and say that because we have done so well to achieve our current status, we should turn up each week, pay our money, smile and shut-up. That is not the way the world works.

It is in fact the true fans that will actually tend to complain the most. It is the true fans who tend to suffer the most.

Mr Peart actually chose a very good example of this in his letter, that of the new kit. The club decided that it needed to change the shirt design as the income from this is vital. However, to describe the choice between two awful designs as democracy is rather stretching the definition of that word. Had you actually consulted the fans and spent more time discovering what we liked you would have inevitably sold a great deal more.

We all appreciate that your job is very difficult, but could you please try to appreciate that we all want what is best for Wycombe Wanderers, we just have different ways of showing it.

You say that it has been the policy of the club to ignore such letters, but you don't really seem to be sticking to that policy do you? I think it would be a good idea to respond to these letters, it could be quite rewarding for the fans and club to have a two-way dialogue. What do you think sir?

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Stroke of genius

I don't know whose idea it was to have a 'band' playing down at Wycombe Wanderers for their match on Tuesday, but well done to that person.

They were really good. I hope it will be a regular occurrence. I think the atmosphere was the best we have had for a long time.

It's a shame they couldn't play Congratulations at the end of the game - but maybe next Tuesday.

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