
We've seen it all before

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WE have been here before haven't we. Big club loses manager, looks around, notes that Wycombe have got a good one, makes him an offer he cannot refuse, and Neil Smillie takes over as stand-in manager.

There are very few top managerial jobs going, and Aston Villa is considered one of the top jobs, so you cannot blame any aspiring manager for grabbing such an opportunity when it is offered, and we can only wish John Gregory the best of luck in the future.

Neil did a great job for us last time. He has made an excellent start again with the win against Gillingham and following it up with another three points against York. I am sure that with the support he needs, and deserves from supporters and the club, we shall soon guarantee Division Two football for next year, and go on to finish up in a very respectable position in the top half of the table.

It was also great to see Keith Ryan sign a new contract to stay with the club.

At Dave Carroll's testimonial I said that loyalty is in short supply, but Keith has shown he's committed to a club which stood by him when he had his series of injuries.

It would have been too easy to let his contract elapse and move on, but he has elected to stay and we are delighted.

The Official Supporters Club will be running coaches for tomorrow's all-ticket match at Luton and the forthcoming games at Wrexham and Bournemouth.

Rena will be taking bookings as usual in the foyer of the Vere Suite before and after matches and you can also book by telephone on (01296) 429307.

Finally here's a date for your diary. On April 24, we will be holding our annual dinner at Adams Park at 7.45pm. Watch this column and the programme for further details and how to book nearer the time.
