

Reardon goes

WANDERERS secretary John Reardon is retiring after more than 40 years association with the club as a player, manager and secretary.

He joined the Blues in 1957 from Maidenhead United and even played for the Wanderers on his wedding day.

He has been with the Blues through thick and thin and was there during the glory years as the Blues won promotion from the Vauxhall Conference into the Football League.

He said: "I have enjoyed it very much and I have very many happy memories particularly under Martin O'Neill, winning the Conference and going through into the second division of the Football League.

"It's going to be very difficult to leave because I have been at the club for such a long time."

Reardon will also be fondly remembered at Chesham United who he took to Wembley in the FA Amateur Cup Final as a manager. His job at Adams Park will be advertised shortly.

Manager's wing back target will cost Wanderers money

NEIL Smillie could go cap in hand to chairman Ivor Beeks and ask for some spending money because the left wing-back he wants is still under contract.

The player Smillie fancies is with one of Blues' second division rivals and Smillie sees him as the ideal replacement for Mickey Bell.

Smillie said: "I want a wing back who can provide crosses. I've spoken to a couple of people that can do the role and one lad I would like is under contract with a club in our league. If it comes to the situation I will go and ask the chairman for money."

When Smillie took the job on he was told there was no money to spend.

Smillie has dropped his interest in former Aston Villa, Sheffield Wednesday and Swindon wingback Phil King who he says is not athletic enough.

● The jury is still out on Southampton reject Daniel Senda.

The teenager who broke into England's youth team had trials at Adams Park at the end of the season.

Smillie said: "He's a very talented young boy. I saw him training with us and I liked what I saw."

But Blues have not yet pounced on the Marlow-based youngster because they are concerned as to the reasons why Southampton were

persuaded to release him. Youth development officer Adrian Cole is keeping tabs on the situation.

● Smillie is closing in on a reserve keeper. He said: "I've spoken to two or three and I'm fairly close to getting someone in."

● Gary Goodchild is considering Wanderers' offer to become the club's new youth team manager.

Goodchild, a former Arsenal apprentice who played with Smillie at Crystal Palace, has spent the last ten years playing and managing in Norway. The stumbling block could be whether he wants to uproot from Scandinavia for a job in the second division.