

## LETTERS

## Soccer can be a funny old game

BEING the devoted daughter, I always visit my 94-year-old mother in the rest home every Sunday.

She usually chats away 19 to the dozen and I cannot get a word in edgeways. Last Sunday was no exception until 4pm when she had her eyes glued to the TV and the only words issued were "Sshh!"

Each week I pop down to chat and cheer up the other ladies (none under 85) congregated in the lounge before tea, but on this said Sunday there wasn't a soul in sight.

The dining room wasn't laid for tea and I found the lady in charge in the kitchen knee deep in sandwiches and slices of cake. She said the only way she could get them to eat was to put trays in their rooms.

I must admit I felt quite hurt as I put my head round each door only to be ignored as they kept their eyes on the ball. One of my favourite ladies even shooed me away saying "Come back at half-time, dear."

So I gave up and drove home having the quickest and loneliest journeys ever through the town. I am ashamed to confess it as also the nearest I have got to being had-up for speeding. I managed to see most of the second half and would mention I am tapping on for 70 myself and hate flaming football!

Still, I've got to tell you boys, you played a great game and put up a fantastic fight and we are all proud of you!!

Edna Jordan  
Bledlow Ridge

## Gerrard's Cross beat Wycombe

WYCOMBE Wanderers did the whole of south Bucks proud – but did anyone realise that they were beaten by Gerrards Cross?

Both the TV commentator and a daily newspaper referred to Emile Heskey's first goal as coming from (Steven) Gerrard's cross.

Henry Wizgier  
Little Chalfont  
Amersham

## Rename village 'Ryan's Chip'

THE Bucks Free Press will no doubt offer its congratulations to Wycombe Wanderers on the stirring performance on Sunday which rattled the Red cage and further alerted the world of football and beyond to the spirit and character of the Blue representatives of Bucks.

Set out below is an idea for a small tribute in your paper:

A Wycombe supporter living in "Gerrards Cross" has written in to suggest that we should start a petition to the local council for a change to the village name. Having attended the match on Sunday he finds the name as emotive as if it had been "Heskey's Header" or "Fowler's Shot".

Possible names might be "Taylor's Save" or "Bates' Challenge". To record our respect for the achievement of the team we would recommend "Ryan's Chip".

Stephen Walmsley  
Gerrards Cross

## Railway staff were on the ball

I'M sure that you will receive many letters about the events last Sunday afternoon in Birmingham. But may I borrow a few lines of your paper to pay tribute to some of the maybe unsung heroes.

I would like to record our appreciation of the kindness, organisation and efficiency shown to fans by all members of the staff at Chiltern Trains from the moment of booking the tickets and our departure at High Wycombe to our somewhat soggy return home.

A further special mention in despatches is called for to the kind lady who organised the hot drinks trolley on Snow Hill Station for the damp ones that walked from the ground.

Richard Branson please note!

B J Loxley  
Linchfield  
High Wycombe

## Club's home gate is far too low

WE should all be proud of the Wycombe Wanderers' achievements, in placing the name of Wycombe on the country's lips.

However it's time that the extra 14,000 fans who travelled to Villa Park realise that we will always be a division two or division three club with gates of only 4,000 to 5,000 for home games. The directors of the club have a good financial record compared with most other league clubs but the sad fact is we can't even cover the players' wages with such low gates.

(Name & Address Supplied)



Honour our heroes: Readers have pointed out that Wycombe were beaten by (Steven) Gerrard's Cross. Stephen Walmsley suggests we should, as a result, rename our local village Gerrards Cross to something like Taylor's Save in honour of the heroics of the Wycombe goalkeeper on Sunday (above)