

Too much fuss about change

I AM writing as an extremely bemused Wycombe Wanderers fan, following the recent outpouring of emotion after the announcement of the what is, essentially, just another much needed sponsorship deal for our club at the former Adams Park.

If someone offered you and your housemate thousands of pounds to, in effect, just change the name of your home for the next three years, wouldn't most of us with bills to pay, take the money?

Changing the name for example to something like 'Causeway Cottage' shouldn't confuse too many people.

Everyone will still know where you really live. If your new home was only built a few years ago how much historical significance can really be attached to what a building is called?

I have listened to arguments against the board at Wycombe for selling their "family silver" but still cannot fathom why they have been crucified for taking on more much needed income.

When did sponsorship become such a dirty word?

It is a real shame the name has changed temporarily, but then sentiment never did help pay bills.

I do understand the immense debt of gratitude we owe to Frank Adams. If it wasn't for his gift to Wycombe who knows where the club would be now?

No amount of advertising hoardings or sponsorship deals could ever detract from what he has done for Wycombe.

I would prefer there was some sort of permanent memorial to the man and maybe that is something that does need to be addressed.

We could all consider organising a fitting tribute.

I really do not see this as the new deal as a major issue at all.

Surely as fans you must realise that we will always be watching and "hopefully" enjoying watching Wycombe Wanderers at Adams Park, whatever company's logo is displayed at the entrance.

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Renaming row still rumbles on

THE row over the renaming of Adams Park rumbled on this week, despite public support for the scheme from the Adams family itself.

Robert Adams, grandson of Frank, said: "I am sure my grandfather would have been in full agreement with the change of name.

"As nice as it is to see our name in print and on the TV, the survival of the club is the most important factor.

"When my grandfather presented the deeds of Loakes Park to the club in 1947 it was because he wanted the name of Wycombe Wanderers to continue.

"If taking this step means the club will benefit then I do not have a problem. I feel certain my grandfather would have held the same view."

Club chairman Ivor Beeks added: "I've been involved for 14 years on the board and for 13 years, I sat on the board with Jack Adams.

"I knew him exceptionally well and I'm reasonably sure in my mind that if he knew the situation, Jack's considerations would have been the same."

However, there is still strong opposition from the fans, with a recent poll revealing 95 per cent are against the move.

Club director Alan Parry has also been critical of the deal, although he has now accepted it as a necessary evil.

He said: "I'm uncomfortable with the idea but having access to the club's finances I know how important this deal is to the club.

"The decision was taken for the best possible motives. It is a positive step to improve the club's finances.

"My wish is that in three years time the club's finances will have improved to such an extent that we will be able to revert to Adams Park and keep the name forever."

The fans appear to have adopted a similar outlook, although they are not prepared to wait three years.

On the club website, one supporter said: "My opinion is to take the money, grin and bare it for the two years, and still call our ground Adams Park even if the sign outside doesn't say so."