

We had the FA Cup sitting on our piano



Cup collection: Flashback to the window display of Beadle and Crome in High Wycombe with the FA Cup on the back rowing taking pride of place. At the end of the day it was taken back to Janet Parker's home in New Road, Sands where it was left on the piano

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JANET Parker will watch Millwall and Manchester United battle it out in the FA Cup final tomorrow and recall the time when she couldn't wait to get the famous old trophy off her piano!

Her father Frederick Crome managed to borrow English football's most famous trophy for a week and had it proudly on show in the window of his Beadle and Crome furniture showroom in Oxford Street, High Wycombe more

than 60 years ago.

But he was scared to leave that and the FA Amateur Cup in the shop at night and used to bring them home to his house in New Road, Sands.

Daughter Janet, who now lives in Bournemouth, said: "He used to put it on our piano. To tell you the truth it used to annoy me a bit because I couldn't play the piano when it was there.

"We must have had it for about a week.

"I'm not quite sure how he managed to get the cup. He just borrowed them for a week. I don't suppose you would be able to do that nowadays."

Mrs Parker will watch tomorrow's Cup Final at home on her television and she admitted: "Watching it will bring back memories of my father and the time when we had the cup in our house."