

LOOK WHO'S TALKING

WITH COLIN BAKER

Let's all help keep Wanderers afloat

WYCOMBE Wanderers are beginning to succeed more regularly on the pitch under Gareth Ainsworth, who has inspired the team to battle hard and climb steadily away from the perilous waters at the bottom of the Second Division, in which we were languishing only a few months ago.

It would not be foolhardy now to be reasonably confident that, from a footballing perspective at least, things are moving steadily in the right direction.

In fact, Wanderers are one point closer to the top of the Second Division than Chelsea are to the top of the Premier League. It's just that there are more teams packed together in between in our division.

The Trust that took over the running of the club, after Steve Hayes' plans for expansion and development were scuppered, has (like the manager and the team) battled hard to make the club viable as it disentangles itself from the financial linkage with Steve Hayes and Wasps.

It now faces indebtedness to H.M. Revenue and Customs, who we are told have applied for a winding up order.

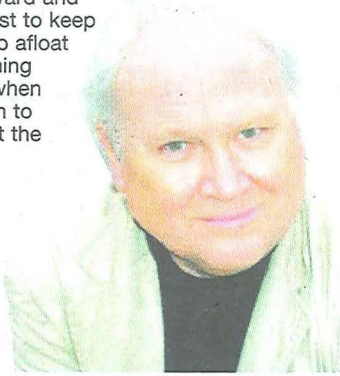
The exact nature of the club's indebtedness to the state is at the moment unclear. But what is clear is that the chances of our local team's survival in the Football league would be significantly improved if all those former supporters who for whatever reason deserted Wanderers over the last few years could find it in their hearts to come back to Adams Park and see just how both the team and the club has moved on since they left.

It is time for those who care to support those brave people who have taken on this challenge at a time when football clubs can all too easily topple into non-league status and oblivion. Come back.

Buy a ticket and bring your friends. The weather's getting better too.

What else would you be doing on a Saturday afternoon that would be more enjoyable than watching Gareth Ainsworth, our very own rocker version of Ryan Giggs, defying the years and sprinting down the wing to make that perfect cross?

There are good times ahead on the pitch; let's help Don Woodward and the Trust to keep the club afloat by coming along when you can to support the boys.



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