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MP hopefuls lock horns at heated hustings

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Fiery debate as audience grills nine candidates

WYCOMBE'S general election candidates were quizzed on Gaza, buses and new housing in a feisty debate at Buckinghamshire New University ahead of next week's July 4 vote.

The nine MP hopefuls answered questions in front of an audience of more than 100

By Charlie Smith

people that included residents, Buckinghamshire councillors and members of the 'Steve Baker Watch' campaign group.

Ex-BBC executive Tim Marshall chaired the hustings, which saw heckles from those watching.

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Car hits entrance to PM's mansion

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England ready to peak at right time



England's Liam Livingstone (left) with Phil Salt (right)

LIAM Livingstone says England are ready to peak at the perfect moment after a rollercoaster ride to the semi-finals of the T20 World Cup.

The defending champions have had a turbulent time since arriving in the Caribbean at the start of the month, almost bowing out in the first round as rain threatened to condemn them to an early exit.

A heavy loss to Australia and a mismanaged run-chase against South Africa also left them in trouble at various points but it was Jos Buttler's side who became the first team to seal their spot in the final four courtesy of a huge 10-wicket win over the United States.

And while they may not have enjoyed the smoothest campaign so far, all-rounder Livingstone believes things are falling into place at the perfect moment.

"Sometimes it is better in tournament cricket to sneak up and nick it at the end. Hopefully that is the way we will go," he said.

"We are peaking at the right time, so hopefully we can win the next two games and retain the World Cup.

"It's been up and down until now but we are finding our rhythm and our best game of cricket came at the best time. We're back in this tournament and that's all that matters.

"It's been a great last week or so, everyone is getting runs and wickets so it feels like we are in a really good place."

England's growing optimism has been built on some merciless thrashings of the associate nations such as Oman and the USA.. They also came through a tougher game against co-hosts the West Indies in St Lucia.



Barnabas Varga is carried off after his horror clash during the match against Scotland

'No delay' in treating stricken Varga

UEFA says there was "no delay" in providing treatment to Hungary's Barnabas Varga during their Euro 2024 match against Scotland following criticism.

Hungary players quickly signalled the 29-year-old Ferencvaros forward was in trouble after his collision with Scotland goalkeeper Angus Gunn and, after six minutes of treatment,

Varga was carried off the field on a stretcher while sheets were held up to shield him from view.

The Hungarian football federation later confirmed Varga had broken several facial bones and suffered a concussion.

Varga's team-mate Dominik Szoboszlai criticised the time he felt it took for treatment to be provided, but tournament

organisers UEFA rejected criticism.

"We would like to clarify that the intervention of the team doctor happened within 15 seconds of the incident, followed immediately by the second stadium doctor, to conduct a first assessment of the injury and provide appropriate treatment, as per medical procedures," a spokesperson said.

'I can still win the F1 title' - Norris

By Philip Duncan

PA F1 Correspondent

LANDO Norris is refusing to give up hope of challenging Max Verstappen for the world championship.

The 24-year-old has emerged as Verstappen's closest rival but the Dutchman's victory at the Spanish Grand Prix extended his title lead to 69 points.

Norris has taken one win and four second places in his last six appearances. But there is a feeling the McLaren driver could have been heading to this weekend's Austrian Grand Prix with two consecutive victories under his belt.

A poor strategy call scuppered Norris' hopes of winning in Canada earlier this month before the Briton said his start in Sunday's race in Spain – where he dropped from first to third – denied him another triumph. Verstappen



Lando Norris finished second

won both races.

However, with 14 races remaining, Norris says he has the machinery underneath him to provide Verstappen with a real fight.

"I need to tidy up a few bits and we will be on top," said Norris. "I should have done better today and there was a chance to beat Max in Canada. So that's two races that I have finished second and he has won.

"We should have got points back on Max. He is still extending his lead and that is not something we can afford to let him do, to run away with at this point in the season.

"But if I just made some better decisions in Canada and if I had a better start here, we could have won two races. I know there's a lot of, 'shoulda, woulda, couldas', but we have what it takes. It's just about putting it all together."

Three British drivers occupied the top four places at Barcelona's Circuit de Catalunya with Lewis Hamilton claiming his first podium of the season, one place ahead of George Russell in the other Mercedes.

Following a desperate start to the season, the Silver Arrows have shown signs of a resurgence in the last two races with Russell on pole in Montreal.

Hamilton still believes his team are behind Red Bull and McLaren in the pecking order.

Harrison back at Everton



JACK Harrison has rejoined Everton on a season-long loan from Leeds.

Harrison, 27, spent last season on loan at Goodison Park and the Toffees announced on Monday afternoon he would return for the 2024-25 campaign.

The winger said: "It's brilliant to be back. Everton is a great club, there is a fantastic group of lads here and I'm excited to get started again with a full pre-season of training.

"Last year, I had a lot of enjoyment at the club. We had to face a lot of adversity but we were able to continue on and have a good season overall. There are a lot of reasons for wanting to return. Everyone made me feel really comfortable right away. That's somewhere you want to be."

Scotland head home



SCOTLAND began their journey home from Germany on Monday afternoon to the accompaniment of a Bavarian band following their exit from Euro 2024.

Steve Clarke's side lost 1-0 to Hungary in Stuttgart on Sunday to leave them bottom of Group A.

Callum McGregor, Angus Gunn, Scott McTominay, Che Adams, Tommy Conway and John McGinn made their own travel arrangements as the management, staff and remaining players departed by coach, with boss Clarke leaving as the band returned to add some music to the farewell.

'Get your walking boots on for our 15th anniversary'

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE residents are being encouraged to participate in this year's Chilterns 3 Peak Challenge to celebrate the task's 15th anniversary.

The event is in aid of the Rennie Grove Peace Hospice Care, with participants challenged to raise £225 each by getting fifteen people to sponsor them £15 each.

This amount could fund six hours of hospice nursing care in Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire.

The walking event offers three alternative routes with six-and-a-half, 10 and 18-mile options available.

The challenge is open to everyone, including dogs.

Laura Elliott, Head of Supporter Fundraising at Rennie Grove Peace Hospice Care, says: "The Chilterns 3 Peaks Challenge has become a beloved event in the community.

"This year, we are celebrating its 15th anniversary.

"Over the years, it has garnered incredible support from local people. All funds raised by the event are used to provide vital patient care in our community.

"We want to make this year's event the most successful and memorable yet - allowing us to support even more people across Buckinghamshire.

"To achieve this, we need the continued support of our local communities. Whether you have a personal connection to the cause or are looking for a physical challenge, this



The event will take place on September 8. Image: Rennie Grove

event is perfect for you.

"Every year, we see people walking with family, friends, colleagues, and even their four-legged companions.

"So, gather a group, sign up, and be part of an amazing effort to raise vital funds and support care for local people with life-limiting illnesses."

All three routes commence at Princes Risborough School.

The trail is not circular so

at the end of miles six and a half and 18, buses will take walkers back to the start.

For the 10-mile route, the bus will move walkers onto Tring Railway Station to complete the final part of the challenge on foot.

Walkers will then get on the bus at the finish line at Ivinghoe Beacon to take them back to Princes Risborough School.

All participants will receive an event t-shirt and

medal to celebrate their amazing achievement and walkers who raise £225 or more will receive a free water bottle.

The walk will take place on September 8.

Chiltern 3 Peaks participant information:

· On the day registration fee is priced at £18 for adults, £12 for children, and £55 for a family ticket (based on two adults and two children).

· The Chiltern 3 Peaks is

open to all ages and abilities. The route is not buggy-friendly, or wheelchair friendly due to the terrain.

· Toilet and water stops are provided at regular intervals throughout the course.

· Any walker under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible parent or guardian aged 18 or older on the day. Dogs are welcome.

For more info, visit: www.renniegrovepeace.org.uk.

CYCLING

A greener way to get about

A CYCLING initiative has taken place at an Aylesbury primary school to try and encourage parents and children to travel in via a more sustainable method.

Barratt David Wilson Homes recently hosted a cycling day at The Kingsbrook School at its Kingsbrook development.

The event was hosted by BeSpoke Cycling Instruction, providing training on how to safely ride a bike and develop new skills and confidence, as well as maintenance tips and tricks.

The training was divided into a number of sessions, catering for different levels and allowing for guided rides around the local Kingsbrook School.

Not only did this event provide residents of Kingsbrook with renewed confidence to cycle on the road, it also highlighted the positive impact this means of transport can have on the environment.

BeSpoke Cycling Instruction is the biggest supplier of Bikeability Cycle Training in Buckinghamshire and Berkshire.

The company's aim is to make cycling accessible to all and to give the next generation the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on the road.

David from BeSpoke Cycling Instruction said: "Our goal is to help people get riding so they can take advantage of the cycling networks and infrastructure in and around Aylesbury, especially for those short journeys such as getting to and from school or work, and the fact it is healthy and reduces your carbon footprint are a bonus.

"We know that riding a bike on the road can be daunting and our sessions are designed to support and encourage riders to gain confidence. It doesn't matter how old you are, it is always great to seek some training, even as a reminder, to increase your confidence on the road."

Marc Woolfe, Sales and Marketing Director at Barratt David Wilson North Thames added: "It was great to see lots of our Kingsbrook residents getting involved in the cycling sessions.

"It's extremely important to stay safe on the road so with the help of BeSpoke Cycling Instruction our residents now have all the knowledge they need to cycle confidently around the local area.

"We look forward to seeing lots of new faces cycling around Kingsbrook."

For Bespoke Cycling Instruction see their website at www.spokesci.com.

FOOTBALL

A new looking league for Holmer Green FC

AS well as losing Amersham Town, Berks County Sports, and British Airways (all promoted), we have no less than six 'new' clubs to play against this coming season. Chalfont St Peter, and Colliers Wood United drop down from the two CCL Premier Division above us, and four clubs come in from separate Step 7 Feeder Leagues.

From the Herts Senior County League Belstone FC who play in Boreham Wood, have won their league for two successive seasons. Last season they finished seven points ahead of Hatfield Town.

From the Middlesex County League PFC Victoria, a Polish community club who play at Ashford (Middx) FC, finished second to Pitshanger Dynamo. Just one point adrift of the Ealing club.

From the Surrey Premier County League, Staines & Lammas FC come up from third place. They play at Adlestone Moor, the home of Abbey Rangers FC. Staines finished behind both Wimbledon Casuals FC and Worcester Park FC. An unusual feature of this league last season was that no less than ten of the fourteen clubs were subject to points adjustments! Some appear to be blameless, but the main miscreants were AFC Cubo in eighth place; being docked 13 points.

Finally, Windsor & Eton FC of the Thames Valley Premier League, who now play at Stag Meadow along with Virginia Water FC, also finished third. In their case a few points behind Westwood Wanderers FC and Wargrave FC, suffering from not turning draws into wins.



Holmer Green had a very difficult 2023/24 season

Sport

SPORT: WYCOMBE WANDERERS

Two-time Chairboy becomes club coach

FORMER Wycombe Wanderers centre back Richard Keogh has been appointed a first-team coach for the Chairboys' League One rivals, Blackpool.

The defender, who had two spells at Adams Park nearly 20 years apart, was the first signing of the Matt Bloomfield era after he joined the club from Ipswich Town on a free transfer 12 months ago.

He would go on to play 25 times for the South Bucks outfit before departing in January this year.

Keogh would then sign for Forest Green Rovers, making 15 appearances for the West Country-based team where they suffered relegation from the Football League after a seven-year stay in the EFL.

He announced his retirement from the game this summer, and has re-joined the Tangerines as a member of their backroom staff – the first non-playing role of his career.

The 37-year-old enjoyed a successful season with the Seaside during the 2021/22 campaign, playing

31 times.

On his move back to the North West, he told the club's website: "I've known for some time that once I hung up my boots I wanted to focus on coaching.

"I've been working hard for a number of years on my badges, and feel now is the right time to get back into the game, and to do that at a special Club like Blackpool gives me a great feeling.

"Despite being at the Club for one season as a player, I felt a real connection with the supporters."



Keogh (right) spent six months at Wycombe. Image: PA

SPORT: CHAIRBOYS

Nathan Bishop on his long awaited move to Wanderers

FOLLOWING his move to Wycombe Wanderers, goalkeeper Nathan Bishop has admitted that the prospect of joining the club was 'extremely exciting.'

The shot-stopper has arrived in South Buckinghamshire on a season-long loan from Championship outfit Sunderland, after just one year in the North East.

The 25-year-old played only two games for the Black Cats during the 2023/24 campaign following his exit from 13-time Premier League champions, Manchester United.

In fact, the keeper had agreed to sign for the Chairboys in the summer of 2022 on loan from the Red Devils.

He was presented with a number one shirt following the departure of David Stockdale, and was expected to be the club's first-choice keeper for the 2022/23 season.

Bishop took part in several training sessions and even gave interviews (which were never published), about joining the club.

However, United backed out of the deal just days before the start of the campaign, meaning the goalkeeper returned to Old Trafford.

He featured four times for the club's U21 side in the EFL Trophy that year, as Wanderers decided to sign Max Stryjek from Livingston.

But two years later, Bishop is back and is very much staying in Bucks.

Speaking on the move, he told WanderersTV: "I'm really excited, coming here to the new training ground where everyone's got happy faces. It's an amazing facility.

"Being a local lad, and knowing the direction is going in with the new ownership, it was extremely exciting to know there was a chance to come here.

"I think we can do really well as a team.

By James Richings

"I want to play as many games as possible and I just want to be a part of a really good squad and push on to be hopefully in the top half of the league."

The news of Bishop's arrival took place on the same day that fellow keeper, Franco Ravizzoli, announced he would be rejoining at Adams Park.

The Argentine joined the Chairboys in the autumn of 2023 on a one-year deal, initially as a backup to Max Stryjek.

However, following the latter's red card away at Stevenage in February of this year, the Polish native never played for the club again, and would later join Crewe Alexandra in League One on an emergency loan.

Ravizzoli ended the season as number one, playing 15 times and keeping seven clean sheets.

He also played in the club's EFL Trophy final defeat against Peterborough United in April, where he was unfortunately lobbed from roughly 35-yards from a Harrison Burrows cross.

This happened in the 89th minute of the contest and won the cup for the Posh, who beat Wanderers 2-1 at Wembley Stadium.

Ravizzoli told WanderersTV: "I'm happy to stay and I'm looking forward to the new chapter," he said.

"The way we finished last season was very promising and exciting, and this year is looking the same.

"The club is moving in the right direction, and everyone has come in today with big smiles, so I'm very happy to be here.

"The players we have, as well as the staff, the physios, the chef and everyone makes a lovely group of human beings."



Nathan Bishop has joined Wanderers on a season-long loan from Sunderland. Image: PA

SPORT: FOOTBALL

Future is bright for Chesham United

HERE is what Chesham United's chairman, Peter Brown, has got to say in his weekly update.

I often talk of Chesham United being a community club – and there is always more that we can do to improve that even further – so this week I wanted to reflect on what we can all do for the community, and each other.

One of the things we are rapidly learning since gaining promotion to National League South is the step up in professionalism in and around the league and the clubs in it. It is exciting to be a part of it, and we do not see it as a concern. I have long wanted to raise the bar in terms of our standards on many aspects and I think we have done that over the last couple of years, but now we are having to take that to another level, which can only be a good thing for all of us.

A large part of that is the experience and safety of supporters attending matches. Running on three successive Thursdays, 7.30 – 9.00pm, starting on 17th July, we are having steward training by a regulated trainer that will help us to be even more professional in our stewarding on matchdays. If you are interested in being a part of that, please do get in touch.

We are also installing new ground safety regulations signage at each turnstile, and to be added to our website. This has been produced with great support from the National League and is something I would urge all visitors to take the time to have a read of. Mostly common sense of course, but it is important that everyone understands what the stewards are being asked to manage.

Other signage going up includes a new 16 x 3 foot Vanarama National League 'Welcome to Chesham United' board – that is really starting to make our promotion feel real now!

On the subject of 'welcome to Chesham United', I must say a couple of big thank yous to Councillor Gareth Williams and Councillor Nick Southworth for their tremendous help as we piece together the next part of our planning application for a move to a new ground.

I know I have been very quiet on this recently, and frankly that is because everything seems to take a huge amount of time and I am just delighted that, with much help, we are very nearly in a position to go back to the planning officers with the answers to all the questions that have been raised about the application up until now.

The drive and enthusiasm from Gareth in particular has been inspirational, and helped to clarify exactly what information is required in our responses.

I really hope now that the planning office will have all the information needed shortly for us to be able to push ahead with this project that, despite the successes on and off the pitch last season, is vital for the long-term sustainability of the football club.

Couhig's swift exit from Wycombe raises questions

ROB Couhig has revealed he felt 'a little uncomfortable' being Wycombe Wanderers' chairman as he was 'getting involved in another project.'

The 75-year-old had spent five seasons as the club's owner before selling his 90 per cent share to the Georgian billionaire, Mikhail Lomtadze, in May of this year.

Despite the takeover, he stayed on the Wanderers board in a new role as chairman, but left Adams Park roughly one month later.

He has since revealed the reasoning for his departure in an exclusive chat with the Bucks Free Press, as he addressed rumours that he might become the new owner of Wycombe's Thames Valley and League One neighbours, Reading.

The Royals are currently up for sale following the disastrous stewardship of Dai Yongge, who has crippled the club's finances.

When asked about his exit from Wanderers, along with his activity since then, Couhig told the Free Press: "It's been very interesting.

"I said I would help Mikhail with the transition.

"I stayed for the whole of May but I was getting involved in another project.

"We spoke about it and I admitted to feeling a little uncomfortable.

"I love Wycombe and I will help Wycombe no matter what, but I thought



Rob Couhig spent five years at Wycombe between 2019 and 2024. Image: PA

our formal relationship should end, so we pulled the trigger a few weeks ago."

When asked about the sudden nature of his departure, he explained: "I haven't been back to Burgers Café for breakfast in Marlow for about six weeks, so I miss all of that.

"But the truth is that Mikhail could not have been better [buyer for Wycombe] as he was every-

thing that I wanted to do, and why I wanted to do it.

"I'm a very active guy and I like to push things, so I thought the time had come for others to step forward and as long as I was there, it would have been difficult for them."

The New Orleans native also thanked all the Wycombe fans for their support during the last five years, and has revealed he 'misses' being in the area.

He concluded: "I have a

tab open for all the thank you notes that I have got to send.

"My nephew, Pete, wrote such a fantastic goodbye letter that was gold standard.

"From the first time I met Trevor Stroud, who brought me into the club, and Mark Palmer, all the guys on the board, the Trust, and my God I've had my disagreements with them from time to time, but it's been with

the common goal of trying to make Wycombe better.

"The fans, and the keyboard warriors who would sometimes get my goat, we were all part of it and we got there eventually.

"I miss that community as we spent a lot of time in Marlow but time moves on, and I believe this is the single best thing I could do for the club."

BOWLS

Smiles all round for bowls club

AMERSHAM Bowls Club had a momentous week.

The men's side played their final match in the qualifying rounds of the Bucks Plate on Tuesday and by beating Bassetsbury completed a hat-trick of wins, final score 78-69.

This guarantees a place in the quarter-finals on July 14.

Top rink was Ralph Hilsdon, Steve Littlewood and David Smith.

On Wednesday, the club's mixed Three Counties League team won convincingly on all three rinks against local rivals Chalfont St Giles, final score 67-41.

The away fixture is only next week, so the club expect stiff resistance on that occasion.

Top rink was Dave Edwards, Delia Panter, John Brooks and Colin Houghton.

On Saturday, Amersham hosted and organised the Bucks Bowls Association Men's Two Woods Singles Final qualifier.

In all, 35 participants representing the elite from the county and many with national and international recognition.

After early rain, the day was bright and warm.

Qualifiers were father and son, John and Tom McGuinness both from Gerrards Cross. John is shown in the photograph and note his concentration and focus.

The club thanked everyone for contributing to their 'hugely successful day'.

FOOTBALL

Cup fixture confirmed

WYCOMBE Wanderers will travel to Northampton Town in the first round of the League Cup.

The Chairboys will head to Sixfields just four days after they visit Wrexham on the opening weekend of the 2024/25 league season.

This will mean that the Adams Park side would have travelled over 450 miles for the first two games in the campaign.

The fixture between the two sides is the second time in three seasons that Wanderers would have faced the Cobblers in the same stage of the competition.

The previous encounter in August 2022 ended 2-1 to the Chairboys with D'Mani Mellor and Joe Jacobson scoring for Wycombe.

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CRICKET: BUCKS BEAT BERKS

Turning a corner after a poor run of results

BUCKS ended a disappointing National Counties Trophy campaign on a high when an inspired spell from skipper Tom Hampton gave them a thrilling four-run victory over Berkshire at Chesham on Sunday.

At the start of the final over, Berkshire, replying to the Bucks total of 253, needed six for victory with two wickets standing.

Hampton dismissed Tommy Sturgess off the first ball and the dangerous Dan Lincoln off the fifth, while conceding only one run, to dismiss the visitors for 249.

Hampton finished with amazing figures of 6-55 from 7.5 overs.

Despite the result, Bucks finished bottom of Group 3, after their three previous defeats, while Berkshire topped the group and progress to the knock-out stages along with runners-up Devon.

Put in to bat, Bucks were indebted to Alex Kervezee's 66 from 88 balls, which includes one six and only for fours, for reaching 253 all out in 48.3 overs

George Harvey contributed 36, while Vanish Jani, a 19-year-old debutant from Richmond, contributed a fluent 23.

Bucks looked like reaching 270 but lost their last four wickets for nine runs. Andy Rishton took 4-44.

Berkshire were given a good start by openers Rhys Lewis (54) and Johnny Connelly (45), but Hampton checked their progress with regular wickets before his excellent finale.

Group 3 final table					
	P	W	L	NRR	Pts
Berkshire	4	3	1	0.48	6
Devon	4	2	2	1.13	4
Cornwall	4	2	2	0.43	4
Oxon	4	2	2	-0.97	4
Bucks	4	1	3	-1.07	2



Bucks defeated Berks last weekend. Image: Pixabay

SPORT

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Bishop makes his Bucks move nearly two years later



Bishop has joined Wanderers from Sunderland. Image: PA

WYCOMBE Wanderers have confirmed the signing of Sunderland goalkeeper Nathan Bishop on a season-long loan.

The 25-year-old arrives at Adams Park as the club's fourth signing this summer, following the acquisitions of Alex Hartridge, Jack Matton and Jaiden Bartolo.

The arrival of Bishop comes two years after the South Bucks side had initially agreed to take the then 23-year-old from his previous club, Manchester United, with the keeper taking part in several training

sessions.

He was also given the number one shirt and told the Free Press at the time that he was 'looking forward' to the season ahead.

However, the 13-time Premier League champions ultimately pulled the plug on the deal after several weeks of uncertainty.

This led to rookie keeper Tyla Dickinson starting the 2022/23 season in goal for Wycombe, before they signed Max Stryjek from Livingston in August of that year. Bishop would stay at Old Trafford

for that season as fourth choice.

Speaking on the move, manager Matt Bloomfield said: "Nathan is someone that Lee Harrison (Head of Goalkeeping) and I have admired for a long time, and we are delighted to bring him here for the 2024/25 season.

"Lee worked with him at Southend and has kept in touch with him over the years, which played a big part in helping us bring Nathan to the club.

"He's already got close to 100 senior appearances under his belt and will have developed his game

greatly alongside some top keepers at Manchester United and Sunderland over the last couple of years.

"There's a fantastic opportunity for him here to compete for first-team football and we're excited to welcome him into the squad."

Bishop started his career at Southend United before he moved to Man United in January 2020.

He would then spend the 2021/22 season on loan at Mansfield Town, where he played in the club's League Two play-off final defeat to Port Vale.

The battle of the Ws in season weekend opener

By James Richings

WYCOMBE Wanderers will start their 2024/25 League One season away to newly-promoted Wrexham.

It will be the Chairboys' first league visit to the Racecourse Ground since November 2007, and it'll also be the first encounter between the two teams in the third tier since May 2004.

The trip to North Wales will take place on August 10.

Wanderers' first home league match of the new campaign will be versus former Premier League side Birmingham City seven days later.

The Midlands outfit last visited Adams Park in February 2021, but the fixture was played behind closed doors due to the pandemic.

Wycombe will have to wait until December to face their Thames Valley rivals Reading, with the first encounter taking place at Adams Park, whilst the traditional Boxing Day clash will be away to Stevenage.

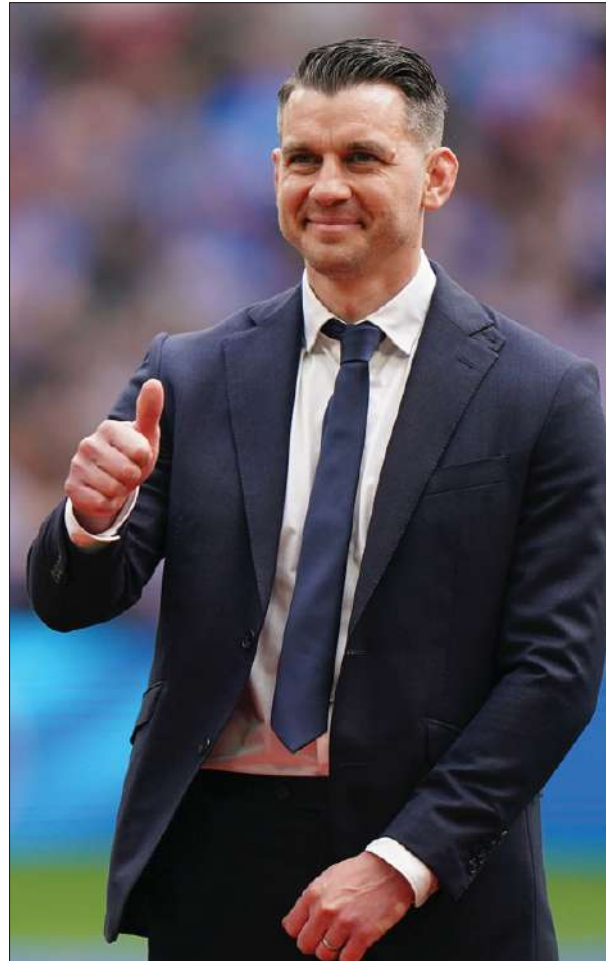
New Year's Day will see Exeter City come to town with the Easter fixtures being against Bolton Wanderers away on Good Friday, and Charlton Athletic at home on Easter Monday.

The campaign will end at home to Stockport County, who were promoted to League One last season.

The league fixtures are as follows, but please note that some are subject to change during the course of the season.

Aug 10: Wrexham (A)
Aug 17: Birmingham City (H)
Aug 24: Rotherham United (H)
Aug 31: Blackpool (A)
Sept 7: Mansfield Town (H)
Sept 14: Northampton Town (A)
Sept 21: Cambridge United (H)

Sept 28: Bristol Rovers (A)
Oct 1: Barnsley (A)
Oct 5: Crawley Town (H)
Oct 12: Stockport County (A)
Oct 19: Peterborough United (H)
Oct 22: Burton Albion (A)
Oct 26: Leyton Orient (H)
Nov 9: Wigan Athletic (A)
Nov 16: Huddersfield Town (H)
Nov 23: Lincoln City (A)
Dec 3: Exeter City (A)
Dec 7: Reading (H)
Dec 14: Shrewsbury (A)
Dec 21: Bolton Wanderers (H)
Dec 26: Stevenage (A)
Dec 29: Charlton Athletic (A)
Jan 1: Exeter City (H)
Jan 4: Blackpool (H)
Jan 11: Rotherham United (A)
Jan 18: Mansfield Town (A)
Jan 25: Northampton Town (H)
Jan 28: Barnsley (H)
Feb 1: Cambridge United (A)
Feb 8: Bristol Rovers (H)
Feb 15: Crawley Town (A)
Feb 22: Wigan Athletic (H)
Mar 1: Birmingham City (A)
Mar 4: Burton Albion (H)
Mar 8: Peterborough United (A)
Mar 15: Wrexham (H)
Mar 22: Huddersfield Town (A)
Mar 29: Lincoln City (H)
Apr 1: Shrewsbury Town (H)
Apr 5: Reading (A)
Apr 12: Stevenage (H)
Apr 18: Bolton Wanderers (A)
Apr 21: Charlton Athletic (H)
Apr 26: Leyton Orient (A)
May 3: Stockport County (H)
Please note that the fixture against Wrexham on the opening weekend will take place at 5.30pm.



Matt Bloomfield was in the starting 11 when Wycombe last played away at Wrexham. This was way back in November 2007. Image: PA

Cup fixtures announced for Wycombe Wanderers

WYCOMBE Wanderers opponents for the EFL Trophy have been confirmed.

The Chairboys, who lost in last season's final to Peterborough United at Wembley Stadium, will take on the Brighton & Hove Albion U21s and Wimbledon - two of the clubs the Adams Park side faced in the previous edition of the competition.

Wanderers defeated the Dons 1-0 in HP12 thanks to Kieran Sadlier's first goal for the club in November 2023.

The fixture took place on a Saturday lunchtime, rather than its midweek slot on a Tuesday evening at 7pm.

This was due to both Wycombe and Wimbledon having their respective league matches against Wigan and Milton Keynes postponed because of the international break.

Wycombe would also face the young Seagulls later on in the cup, defeating them 4-1 at Adams Park.

This was in the quarter-final stage of the competition, with Sadlier scoring a quick-fire brace before Leigh Kavanagh put the ball in his own net.

Dale Taylor then scored for Wanderers with Luca Barrington bagging a consolation for Brighton.

They will also face Crawley Town. The Southern Draw of this year's cup is as follows:

Group A: Birmingham, Shrewsbury, Walsall and Fulham U21s
Group B: Crawley, Wimbledon, Wycombe and Brighton U21s
Group C: Bromley, Cambridge, Charlton, Chelsea U21s
Group D: Gillingham, Peterborough, Stevenage, Palace U21s
Group E: Colchester, Leyton Orient, MK, Arsenal U21s
Group F: Burton, Northampton, Notts County, Leicester U21s
Group G: Bristol Rovers, Exeter, Swindon, Spurs U21s
Group H: Cheltenham, Newport, Reading, West Ham U21s