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# NHS boss in £69k theft from GPs

## Surgery manager's frauds took money from practice funds

A MAN who stole more than £69,000 from the GP surgery he managed has been jailed for three years.

Nabeel Asghar, aged 43, of Brands Hill, High Wycombe, was a practice manager at Hughenden Valley Surgery, Valley Road, when he began making unauthorised payments from his employer's account in May 2022.

Asghar had full access to the surgery's bank accounts on the Barclays online portal, had his own PIN

By Isabella Perrin

for access, along with his own card and card reader.

Asghar was responsible for making his own salary payments using the practice bank account.

Aylesbury Crown Court heard Asghar had stolen £69,342.02 in total by the time he was suspended in March 2023.

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## Sport

## GOLF

## March news from Wycombe Heights

THERE was plenty of action as the golf season got underway starting with the preliminary round of the Berks Bucks & Oxon's Hillman trophy that saw Wycombe Heights victorious 5-2 in seven singles matches away to Maidenhead.

The result of the tie came from David Godley who won 8&7 with Roy Wood, Matt Dunn, Charlie Maddock, Richard Craig, Paul Brain and Gary Morris making the

team.

March the 30th also saw Wycombe going back to back as they clinched successive Chiltern Breakfast League Winter Knock Out trophies winning against Waterstock 4-5 - 1.5. The home pairings of Joe Butler & S. Russell impressively winning 6&4 with Ben Moyle & Jagdev Singh Khatkar and Charlie Maddock & Paul Brain (match captain) making up the team. Away from home was Mark Vining & T. Keeling, with Jay

Singh Talwar & Steve Keeling and Roy Wood & David Godley making up the team.

In club competitions Ben Moyle won the March medal with a net 69 and Mark Vining won the March Stableford with 38.

The annual Canadian Pairs trophy was won by Ante Jolic & Jack Faulkner with a net 62. There was also a first hole in one for the season for ex-captain and ex-chairman Rex Allott taking his tally to a career three.



The Wycombe Heights team

## WYCOMBE HEIGHTS GOLF CENTRE

## Ever thought of taking up golf as a new hobby?

GOLF has traditionally known to many as an elitist sport, once played only by the upper class and often described as snobby, snooty and stuffy however this has really moved on.

It is now a huge worldwide sport that increased in popularity during the COVID pandemic and has continued to thrive ever since. Golf has so many positive benefits to both your physical health and mental wellbeing and getting involved has never been easier explains Jagdev Singh Khatkar, Club Captain of Wycombe Heights Golf Club.

It's important for me to celebrate inclusivity ensuring we are open to all, diversity by recognising everyone as individuals, equality by treating everyone fairly, and accessibility by removing barriers to the game.

There is something happening every weekend at Wycombe Heights Golf Club and plenty during the week too.

Qualifying competitions, friendly organised roll ups, team events, club matches and an opportunity to meet great welcoming members for casual rounds. The club has three sections, the main section, seniors' section and ladies' section, all of which are a great way to get involved in the game.

## History of the club

Established in 1991, Wycombe Heights was designed by golf legend John Jacob's the 18 hole main course sits alongside an 18 hole short course ideal for beginners or those looking to perfect their short game skills.

By Jagdev Singh Khatkar

During the past few years there has been a lot of investment on the golf course such as the bunker renovations, changing the way it looks with replanting of trees, the way it plays with new tee boxes and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive from members, visitors and societies.

The centre also boasts a state of the art 26 bay Trackman driving range, practice facilities and a restaurant, bar, and clubhouse all in an area of outstanding natural beauty with great views of the Chilterns.

## How you can get involved

Getting involved in the game of golf is more than just playing a sport.

It's a great opportunity to play a competitive sport, improve your fitness, stimulate your mind, meet new friends, and spend time in the great outdoors.

Wycombe Heights is a place I call my second home, I am very proud to be part of something very special here.

If you are interested in getting involved come pay us a visit on Rayners Ave, HP10 9SZ, call 01494 816686 or email info@wycombeheightsgc.co.uk.



Wycombe Heights golf course

## HOCKEY

## Season finishes for Marlow

THE men's 1st team finished the season, playing Henley at Pound Lane in front of a sizeable crowd. Marlow started strongly and were on top for the first 25 minutes.

Henley defended then scored against the run of play to make Marlow realise that it was not all plain sailing.

Marlow continued to press and a good pass found player-coach Luke Stone in space and he slotted the equaliser.

The second half saw Henley more into the game and trying hard to move up from the second-bottom place.

Despite having less possession they managed to make the most of their scoring opportunities and scored three more goals but every time they scored Marlow pulled back level with another goal from Luke Stone, a penalty corner conversion by captain Sam North and a fine reverse stick volley by Josh Morgans which made it 4-4 and the end of a frustrating match for Marlow but all credit to Henley for their hard work.

Marlow 2s hosted Eastcote 1s in their final game of the season at Pound Lane.

With a large crowd, 6th place up for grabs, and several players making their final appearances for Marlow, there was a lot to play for.

Marlow started slowly and an Eastcote short corner was converted to put them one up.

This woke Marlow up who started to play the hockey they've been capable of all season.

Dave Harding picking the ball up in Eastcote territory dribbled past everyone and smashed a reverse stick shot into the bottom corner to bring the score to 1-1.

Marlow came out strongly in the second half.

A nicely worked move down the left-hand side saw Theo Seymour square the ball for Alex Land to tap into an empty net.

A minute later Land was the recipient of a harsh yellow card. However, even with 10 men, Marlow continued to play the better hockey and this time down the right-hand side Steve Harding fed Lloyd Francis for another tap-in to give Marlow breathing space. Eastcote managed to pull a goal back, but it wasn't enough as Marlow ran out 3-2 winners and secured 6th place.

A good first season in a new league and great foundations to build upon next season.

Other men's results. 4th team beat Abingdon 2 6-0 away, 5s beat Wallingford 3 5-1, 6s lost to Slough Swifts 4-3, 7s lost 3-2 to Slough Despondents 3-2 away.

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## FOOTBALL

# Chesham United celebrate promotion



Chesham United at The Meadow. Pic by Trevor Hyde

**CHESHAM** celebrated their title success with a win that stretches their lead at the top of the table to 19 points. Third-placed Salisbury dominated possession, but their finishing was wayward, and Chesham took the points with two quality goals.

As the teams came out on to The Meadow the Salisbury players applauded The Generals onto the pitch with a guard of honour – due respect given to the Southern League Premier South champions! However any nicety went out of the window after the whistle was blown and Salisbury went on the attack from the start with their first effort on goal in the eighth minute. However Chesham scored with their first serious attack two minutes later. Alex Lafleur broke down the left and crossed low to the near post where Bradley Clayton touched the ball in. Both teams continued to press but the first half

finished 1-0 to Chesham.

Mid-way through the second half Salisbury were rewarded for their hard work with an equaliser on 65 minutes. Noah Coppin broke into the Chesham area and was brought down by Jack Connors. Penalty to Salisbury which Coppin converted to make it 1-1.

10 minutes later Chesham were back in front. T'Sharné Gallimore had just come on as a substitute when he ran on to Alex Lafleur's through pass and laid the ball off for Lafleur to drive into the far corner of the net.

Chesham could have wrapped up the points when Ricardo German and Bradley Clayton combined to set up Lewis Rolfe who fired wide with only the keeper to beat. The game finished 2-1 to Chesham much to the delight of the 1,417 fans at the game.

Next up, the men welcome Bracknell Town at home on Saturday, April 20.

## AP'S PREVIEWS

# Finishing the season on a high

IT felt like Wycombe's season was over when the referee blew the final whistle at Wembley a week ago, but boss Matt Bloomfield insists his players will continue to 'give everything' in their five remaining games.

The Bristol Street Motors Final ended in disappointment tinged with pride as the Chairboys lost to a fluke goal against old foes Peterborough United.

Wanderers went toe-to-toe against a team chasing promotion to the Championship and were moments away from forcing extra time.

The League One table shows Wycombe are all but mathematically safe from the threat of relegation, but Bloomfield's target is to finish as high as they can to round off a season of contrasting fortunes.

They face four away games in the space of eleven days before bringing down the curtain on the 2023/24 campaign with a home game against Charlton Athletic.

The final furlong of Bloomfield's first full season holding the reins begins at Shrewsbury Town's Croud Meadow stadium on Saturday, April 13.

The home side will be fully motivated as they are not yet clear of danger and after playing Wycombe they face difficult away games at Bolton Wanderers and Charlton. Shrewsbury are a well-established League One outfit but they have finished in the top half only once in the last eight seasons, further evidence of the outstanding achievements of a similarly sized club like Wycombe in reaching two play-off finals and spending a season in the Championship in just half that time.

Shrewsbury won 1-0 in the reverse fixture at Adams Park earlier in the campaign and they were victorious by the same scoreline when the Chairboys visited Shropshire last season.

However, Wanderers have a superior record against Saturday's opponents over the three decades they have faced each other in league games. Wycombe have won eleven times to Shrewsbury's five with fourteen games ending in a draw.

With upcoming trips to Port Vale, Cambridge and the northerly outpost of Carlisle, Wanderers will have travelled around 1,500 miles before they bring down the curtain on another season with their final home game against Charlton on the final Saturday of the month.

## RUGBY

# Beaconsfield finish season unbeaten against Windsor

**BEACONSFIELD** finished the 2023/24 league season unbeaten, with a tense away win against a very strong Windsor, writes Richard Gommo.

The first half was incredibly closely matched, with the teams battling the strong cross-wind as much as each other, and Windsor fighting tooth and nail, as victory for them would have potentially secured promotion.

Beaconsfield opened the scoring with a powerful drive from a lineout, promising young break-through player Thomas Rendell touching down in the mêlée. He then repeated the exercise in the opposite corner, with a cunning move at the front creating quick ball in space for a second try. Windsor rallied robustly, also scoring two tries and a penalty, and turned around 13-12 up at half time.

The game opened up in the second half, with both

teams playing with more ambition and width, each desperate for the win for different reasons. Space also opened up as a slew of yellow cards thinned out the players actually on the pitch.

Captain Henry Revill's half-time team talk clearly inspired Beaconsfield, who sharply regained the lead with a trademark long-range try, deftly scored by elusive full-back Barney Howells. Windsor's tight-head was then carded, and Beaconsfield's pack scented blood. Pack leader and Number 8 Rhys Amos cleverly called for a scrum, and promptly profited from a robust drive to score Beaconsfield's fourth try.

With a comfortable lead and the clock ticking down, Beaconsfield went wide again, with the wind, and prolific winger Daniel Lofthouse-Smith exploited a mismatch and outpaced the despairing efforts of the

home team's well-nourished hooker to score in the corner.

Flanker Callum Saganowski sealed the result, with a bizarre unopposed walk-in under the posts, confirming the age-old adage that you should always play to the whistle.

Robust fly-half Alex Nagele, who also had an excellent game all round, slotted the final points of the match and the season.

The Man Of The Match was the rampaging loose-head Braiden Broughan [pictured rampaging], with Rendell, Amos and Nagele close on his heels.

All told, Beaconsfield enjoyed an unprecedented 22 wins from 22 matches, 19 try bonus points, 108 league points and 1,069 match points.

The combined oppositions scored only 172 match points all season, so an average match score of c. 49-8.



MOTM Braiden Broughan. Pic Richard Gommo

# A season to remember for the Generals

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Rolfe who fired wide with only the keeper to beat.

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Elsewhere Chesham United FC Women were on the road against London Seaward.

Chesham took the lead on 15 minutes with a world class strike from range by Tash Smith but Seaward managed to get a goal back in the second half courtesy of Samantha Lanza meaning the points were shared.

# SPORT

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## Happy with draw and changes should be expected



Matt Bloomfield wants Wycombe to 'evolve' for next season (PA)

WYCOMBE Wanderers boss Matt Bloomfield was pleased with his side's 0-0 draw against Derby County on Wednesday but hinted that squad selection will change considerably between now and the end of the season.

The Chairboys put in a valiant display versus the promotion-pushing Rams where they made a handful of changes to the side that lost to Peterborough United in the EFL Trophy final three days before.

And with five games left until the season is up, including four

consecutive away days, one being at Carlisle United, rotations are expected to occur.

On the performance, he said: "We were a bit shaky for the first 15 minutes or so but we woke up and played very well for the next 75 minutes.

"We played against a team, and rightly so, are playing for a place in the Championship, and they've got loads of experience but I thought we were excellent as we got a clean sheet and on another night, we could have won it.

"I have no regrets from the weekend as I was very proud, and I want us to

finish strongly.

"I believe we could be higher than where we are and tonight we've gone toe-to-toe with one of the best teams in the league.

"It would be wrong of me to pick out individuals but I've got a few in my mind who were excellent.

"So going toe-to-toe with a very good side is something I'm very proud of and there are a lot of positives to take."

On changes within the next few weeks, he continued: "We were debating about the number of changes

we were going to make after the final on Sunday, and we've got a quick turnaround as we've got another game on Saturday.

"So there could be changes in the next few games.

"I'm also pleased with the resilience after Sunday.

"It's an opportunity to look at the squad as we're building for next season as we're going to be looking at a lot of things.

"It would be naive to think that the boys could play six to seven games in a row, so there will be rotations."

## Solid point versus the Rams at Adams Park

By James Richings

WYCOMBE Wanderers' first game since their heart-breaking EFL Trophy final loss to Peterborough United saw the Adams Park side draw 0-0 at home to promotion-pushing Derby County.

A solid display at the back from Matt Bloomfield's side kept the ex-Premier League at bay, in what was the club's penultimate home game of the season.

Additionally, the Rams travelled to Buckinghamshire knowing they had to get a positive result against the Chairboys to form a gap between themselves and third-place Bolton Wanderers with just three games left.

For Wycombe, they brilliantly put their disappointment at Wembley behind them, but the clash versus the Rams nearly started terribly, as a Ryan Tafazolli back header almost crept past Franco Ravizzoli in the Wycombe goal inside two minutes.

It was an onslaught of Derby attacks as they peppered the Wycombe goal.

First, Corey Blackett-Taylor missed an open goal from a Conor Washington cross inside six minutes, before the latter's attempt was blocked inside the penalty area by Jack Grimmer 10 minutes later.

Nathaniel Mendez-Laing's resulting corner nearly snuck in, but Ravizzoli tipped the set piece over.

For Wycombe, they had many 'nearly' moments but nothing that tested Joe Wildsmith in the Rams goal.

The only shot he needed to stop was from Richard Kone midway through the half.

Instead, Bez Lubala, Kieran Sadlier, Dale Taylor and Matt Butcher all fired their attempts wide of the mark.

The second half was on a knife-edge, as Joe Low and Gideon Kodua had Wycombe's best attempts, with Conor Hourihane and James Collins tried their luck to give Derby a lead in the final 15 minutes.

Wanderers continued to push for a winner as Sam Vokes was thrown on in the dying embers, as the Chairboys thought they had secured all three points.

With seconds remaining, a slip from keeper Wildsmith allowed Vokes in with an open goal, but the shot-stopper quickly made amends and headed the ball away whilst on the turf.

It would have been an incredible way to win the game for Wycombe, and a cruel way to lose for Derby.

The result means the Rams stay second but have played one game more than third-place Bolton, whilst Wanderers move up to 14th.

The Chairboys need two more points to officially be safe from relegation.

Up next for Wycombe is a trip to Shrewsbury Town on April 13.

Wycombe's remaining games  
April 13: Shrewsbury (A)  
April 16: Port Vale (A)  
April 20: Carlisle (A)  
April 23: Cambridge (A)  
April 27: Charlton (H)

To read more about the latest Wycombe Wanderers news, go to @James\_BFP on X (formerly known as Twitter).



Richard Kone had several chances to score for Wycombe against Derby on April 10 (PA)

## Warne 'frustrated' at Wycombe draw

DERBY County manager Paul Warne has admitted that his side's 0-0 draw away at Wycombe Wanderers was 'frustrating.'

The Rams sit second in League One on 83 points, two points clear of third place Bolton Wanderers, but have played a game more.

The result means that the final automatic promotion place is very much up for grabs.

He said: "It's frustrating.

"We've got three games left and the players want it so badly that it could impact their performance.

"Some of our players weren't on song but they were trying hard.

"First half we looked good as we created chances and we passed the ball well but we missed two absolute sitters and we need to take one of them.

"The longer the game goes, the harder it is and the longer the game went, we were lucky to not lose so this might be a really good point for us.

"It's that time of the season when teams are fighting for promotion and relegation so the pressure mounts.

"These people aren't robots but we need to be a bit more patient, breathe and play the way we've played.

"These are lads who are desperate for success and even though we don't want to curtail that, we just need a bit more patience."

"I thought we forced things and there were times I saw individuals than a team.

"Not through selfishness, but by someone trying to grab the game to make that moment happen but we didn't have it."

The result was the first time that either club had kept a clean sheet against each other in what was the sixth meeting between the two sides.