

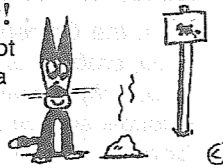
"WELCOME"

RICHARD REDMOND (caretaker – responsible for both Four Lanes Schools) and his family have just moved in to Chineham. This will not only help substantially reduce his travelling time, but doubtless leave him even more energetic and accessible in fulfilling his school responsibilities. "Welcome!"

WPC ALYSON PALLETT having just about settled in as our community bobby, has been promoted, at short notice. Her replacement is PC RAY NIBLOCK, who takes/took charge on 6 January 1992. "Welcome PC Niblock. Can you ride a bike?"

AT LAST – a sign of Responsibility!

... a worthy resident has been encountered, not in possession of a poop-scoop, but – yes – a bum-bag, together with a plastic bag. Thank you shy resident for your community spirit. Are there any more out there?



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GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

As we know there is to be a General Election this year. Your SPOTLIGHT Team thought you should know what options exist, and where to get more information. The contact information for those political parties having secured sufficient prospective candidates nationwide to be granted a party political broadcast is as follows:



THE CORRECTIVE PARTY, 58 Eardley Crescent, London, SW5 9JZ. Tel: 071 259 2434

THE GREEN PARTY, Helen Anscombe, 'High Trees', Ashmansworth, Nr Newbury, RG15 9QH. (0635) 253079

THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS, c/o Angela Old, 45 Pershore Road, Basingstoke, RG24 9BE. Tel: 473113

THE LABOUR PARTY c/o The Labour Club, Sandys Road, Basingstoke, RG22 6AS. Tel: 469233.

THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY, c/o The Mount, Bounty Road, Basingstoke, RG21 3DD. Tel: 22207.

Of these the Labour Party has a prospective candidate and the Tories currently hold the seat. The Liberal Democrats had one who was recently forced to resign for health reasons (a Chineham resident no less) and his replacement is due to be selected during January. The Greens are still wavering and the Corrective Party even more so. Depending upon when the election is called, SPOTLIGHT will invite all candidates to contribute a brief statement.

SPOTLIGHT is a quarterly newsletter seeking to provide unbiased local news and a forum for topical comment and discussion for and by local residents. It is delivered free to households in Chineham Parish.

snippets

Dr **ELIZABETH WILLIAMS** will be resigning from General Practice with effect from 1 April this year. Many will agree that she will leave a gap which will not be readily filled – a human being with no hint of aloofness or pretentiousness and still able to inspire total confidence in her medical prognosis. Motherhood responsibilities were an important influence on her decision.

TAYLOR'S FARM (immediately to the north of the Chineham boundary) is under very heavy development pressure. Shown as open land on the new Basingstoke Area Local Plan, it is being very heavily promoted for housing (see Spotlight 3.9) by an exceptionally energetic consultancy. Meanwhile, the possible alternative plan under review by the parish council has taken a step further in that at least one specialist crematorium company has expressed general interest.

WHEELIE BINS look destined to be issued to Chineham households in the near future. The parish council has in the past asked for these although recently some councillors started having misgivings – principally because of potential household access problems. Meanwhile the SPOTLIGHT Team is pushing for "source separation", ie different bins for different types of waste material.

NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES can now be left at the "bank" in the District Centre car park. Gummed directories, envelopes and cardboard are not welcome as they damage the processing machinery. (Magazines and newspapers can also be left at 68 Fennel Close).

GLASS & CAN collections in Chineham have proved very successful in that over 30 tonnes of glass and 2 tonnes of cans were collected between April and October last year in Chineham alone. The total for glass since 1987 is over 200 t.

DIOXIN results from the burning of PVC. The BBC2 "Nature" programme last November reported on disturbing findings reported by the Women's Environmental Network. Chineham Parish Council is asking for the Pollution Inspectorate to analyse the emissions from our local incinerator after failing to be totally convinced by reassurances from the county council.

GREETINGS CARDS designed and sold by Fiona Biermann in the run-up to Christmas netted a total income of £97.28, all of which will go to Save the Children Fund. Fiona sold a total of 900 cards. (There are still some left and as the 'greeting' is blank they can be used after Christmas – Tel. 52434).

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Parish Councillor Jim Bloomfield, 16 Longstock Close, Chineham.	Tel 812259
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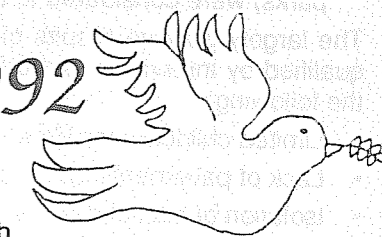
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A Happy and Peaceful 1992

TO ALL SPOTLIGHT READERS

(Hopes for general prosperity do not look too good at present, but here's hoping ...)



Still, before we delve too deeply into 1992, there're some loose ends from 1991 to deal with

Jim's the Name, but do we deserve him? Most residents will have seen the thoughtful election address put out by Jim Bloomfield in advance of the recent parish by-election. The fact that he took so much trouble to communicate probably led to his overwhelming victory. The results were: Bloomfield 187, Mowthorpe 52, Spoilt 1. Put another way: Democracy 240, Apathy 4033. OK, so not all 4033 were apathetic; some were away, some sick and some didn't have time. But democracy doesn't come cheap; in many countries it continues to cost lives. With a turnout of 5.63%, we were not far short of the apathy record thought to be held by Sherborne St John South at 5.08% in June 1976. A rough estimate suggests that the cost of the recent Chineham by-election was over £1500, ie approximately £6.25 per vote. Was it worth it? Well, the "Soviet Union" has demonstrated some dramatic changes of late. Let no person say that – though unthinkable – similarly dramatic changes of democratic control could not take place here.

PS. Welcome to the SPOTLIGHT Team, Jim.

AS OTHERS SEE US

– Not Bad, but Room for Improvement



Not usually a front page topic. The exception has been made because the observations come from consultants (Comedia) specially commissioned by the borough council to conduct a "Survey of Residents' Attitudes to the Environment" covering Chineham (but actually Chineham & Lychnpit). After an initial restriction, (for reasons which are hard to understand) copies of the report have been made available to others including Chineham Parish Council. Nearly 60 pages of survey results and conclusions are difficult to summarize so we repeat below the summary offered by the authors together with a few additional verbatim extracts:

"The results showed:

- The majority of residents were positive about living in Chineham
- A work related factor was given as the main reason for moving to Chineham
- Price and location were the most important factors in buying property
- The current properties were seen by their occupants as largely satisfactory for the present but probably not a permanent home
- The majority expected to live in their houses for a further 3-5 years
- Many residents would choose to move again within Chineham
- The saleability and good market value of properties was a priority for residents
- Proximity of amenities was a feature of Chineham most residents would most miss if they moved away
- The landscaping was seen as a very positive feature of the area
- The housing was widely agreed to appear to be of a high standard – 'to look good'
- There was a large measure of concern that the area was becoming overdeveloped
- Mixed housing was seen as a successful visual feature of Chineham
- The footpath [network] was also seen as a good feature but was not uniformly easy to use
- The business park was not generally thought to be a threat to property values

A Message from Jim Bloomfield

As you are probably aware I was elected to Chineham Parish Council on 24 October. Thank you to everyone who took the trouble to vote in the election.

I live at 16 Longstock Close and my telephone number is 812259. I look forward to serving you on the Parish Council so please contact me if I can be of any assistance to you.

Jim Bloomfield.

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- The provision for young children was valued while the lack of facilities for older children caused concern
- Parking was a problem for many residents particularly for residents' visitors
- The District Centre was considered to be a convenient facility, although the lack of other facilities (sports, schools, parks) were considered to be a negative feature

The largely positive results of the quantitative survey were qualified by interviews and discussion groups, which raised the following:

- Limited childcare facilities
- Lack of pavements along distributor roads
- Isolation of sections of the community. Those working at home, the elderly and mothers with young children
- The need for more facilities (community and commercial)
- Concern with maintenance, upkeep and overall control of the area
- Insufficient traffic control, need to reduce speeding"

"I Like Chineham"



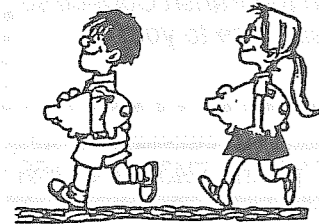
"The answer to the simple like/dislike split in response to the question 'how do you feel about living in Chineham?' showed an 89% support for 'I like it'. This response showed little variation across all the analysis breaks, showing the response of men, women, different age groups and social classes.

Very few people actively disliked living in Chineham. The lack of a proper focal point for the community, the tendency of people to form cliques and to be intolerant of those who might stray from their concept of the 'norm', the perceived unlikelihood

of any generic development of such places into anything more socially 'solid' in years to come like a village, for instance, were reasons given for dislike of Chineham."

Good for Children

"A large proportion of Chineham residents are families with young children. Almost unanimously they see the estate as a good place to bring their children up in. Important considerations are the relatively safe and pleasant surroundings and the 'respectability' of the estate and its highly regarded primary and infant schools at Four Lanes.



80% thought that there was enough parking space for themselves. However, 55% thought there was not enough space for visitors. 53% thought there were problems with cars driving around the estate.

Chineham was described as an area widely regarded in the locality as the upmarket part of Basingstoke. Although ostensibly part of Basingstoke, an aspect of Chineham's identity is that it is separate from Basingstoke."

Company Move Destination

"Chineham was characterised as a destination for workers whose companies were moving to Basingstoke or who required them to move to Basingstoke, and Chineham seemed to offer what was described as the best deal in regard to the factors of price, location and education facilities for children. The convenient position with proximity to the town centre, and in particular the District Centre made it an extremely useful location in relation to Basingstoke. Chineham was described as a reflection of the success of Basingstoke."

Where's the Community?

"The residents in Chineham are described as having much in common in terms of their demographic profiles. Age, career trajectory, lifestyle, and aspirations are broadly comparable. And yet because Chineham is a new housing settlement there is a great mixture of people from all parts of the country. Thus, although residents may have much in common, there is a lack of a shared past, and knowledge of the recent history of the immediate locality. The commitment to work is said to be a cause for much of the largely hidden stress and strain sustained by residents.

The pub has become a meeting place for some organised groups such as the local mountain bike group. It is also planning to start up and support a local football team. (However, there is no football pitch in Chineham. This is seen as an obvious lack for an area the size of [north] Chineham)."

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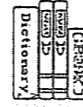


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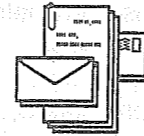
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SPOTLIGHT Letters

SOME RESOLUTIONS FOR 1992?

At last I have succumbed to tending copy for your Spotlight broadsheet. I submit comment on several items, I hope you are not too drastic with the red pen! [Moderately so - Ed.]

With the documentary on TV the other evening about bad parking, wheel clamps and lifting away cars that were double parked firmly in my mind, the vision in Reading Road on Sunday morning as I passed Christ Church was very similar. I just squeezed my car between the two long rows (good turnout for the church) each side of the road to go towards the Night Owl Chemist. A fire engine would have removed a few wing mirrors and dented a few cars had it tried to do the same. Children crossing the road at that point would have been in great danger as you would have difficulty seeing them. I would have thought that the church going community would have been more caring about the ramifications of such blatant double parking. As a thought, there is plenty of space in the grounds of Christ Church for an extended car park. Or better still leave the car at home,

NEWS-ROUND Yet a further appeal for deliverers to help ensure that SPOTLIGHT will enjoy 100% coverage of our parish in 1992. If you can deliver in your own road or any of the following, please 'phone 64021 or 52434: Hartswood, Larchwood, Longacre Rise, Long Copse Chase, Little Copse Chase, Simon's Close, Reading Road (part), Wallins Copse, Catkin Close and Ashfield.

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They have around 80 members in the North Hampshire area, most of whom are in their 20's and 30's. They are one of 46 clubs nationwide, the first of which was founded in London in 1946.

The local Chairman is Chineham resident Bob Clifford, who can be contacted on 460078 and can provide a free activity bulletin and IVC introduction pack.

Alternatively, why not join the group for a drink one Tuesday at their regular social gathering. You can also see a short video introducing the IVC on the first Tuesday of every month at Chineham Village Hall starting 20.30 hours.

Are you involved in an unusual or interesting enterprise based in Chineham or nearby? Why not submit an article? - Ed.

save the pollution, get some exercise take a broly and walk.

The roundabouts on the A33: Its a bit late to start thinking of names for them, they already have them! The one nearest Reading is the "Pyotts Hill roundabout". The other one - well its the, dare I say "Tesco roundabout", although I would concede that "Chineham Centre roundabout" may well be better on a sign it will still be called the Tesco roundabout because that's what you can see. Please don't let the planners make things unnecessarily complicated.

While we are on roundabouts the next two also have names, "Old Chineham roundabout" is the one near me and "Four Lanes roundabout" for the one by the Village Hall.

In the Chineham Chat the new map of Chineham is very good, problem is that with my failing eyesight its a bit small to read. Why not remove the "copyright" from it so that I can make it double size on a copying machine. If the map was produced for the benefit of the community then claiming copyright seems a bit mean.

Clive Mott-Gotobed, Reading Road.

[Sorry Clive, the ultimate copyright for the map rests with the Ordnance Survey on whose the parish council's is based. - Ed]

KEEP IT ALIVE KORNER

Another selection of goodies in the continuing "WAR on WASTE" feature. Unless you feel you would like to make a contribution to SPOTLIGHT publishing costs, unpriced items are free!

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GAMES AREA GONE?

The Village Hall Questionnaire has now been delivered to most households in Chineham. Yet again the level of response has been a great disappointment. Of the nearly 200 completed questionnaires received, under 30% favoured the proposals for a multi-purpose games area. It looks highly unlikely that the project will now be implemented. Meanwhile, answers to the supplementary questions on the questionnaire will help the parish council plan for the future. If you didn't receive one, feel free to contact the Clerk, Alison Howard on 27014 or Chairman, Martin Biermann on 52434. Votes were as follows:

Support and would use 36

Support but would not use 14

Do not support and would not use 112

Do not support but would use 6

