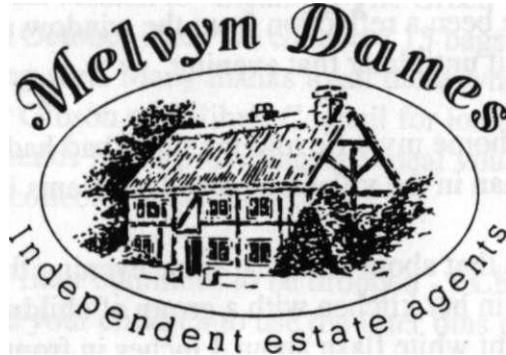


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Cheswick Green News

February 1991

Council to consider stopping right turns into Creynolds Lane

Following recent accidents at the junction of Creynolds Lane and the Stratford Road the Residents Association have written several times to the Technical Services Department of Solihull Council requesting that traffic lights, which would also incorporate a pedestrian crossing, be installed at this junction.

In a recent reply from the Council, the Association has been informed that members of Solihull Council's Public Works Committee are to discuss the future of this junction at its meeting on the 14th of February and one of the options for discussion will include closing the central reservation.

There is to be a new roundabout outside Tesco's and the speed limit on the Stratford Road is to be reduced to 40 mph, both of which are improvements strongly welcomed by the Residents Association. If the central reservation is closed then traffic wishing to turn right into Creynolds Lane will have to travel further along the Stratford Road to this new roundabout and then come back on the other carriageway to turn left into Creynolds Lane. The extra distance involved in travelling to a roundabout at Tesco's and back is about 1.2 miles.

If you have comments or suggestions about this proposal then write to the Director of Technical Services, P.O. Box 19, Council House, Solihull, B91 3QT by the 14th February.

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Although this will reduce accidents at the junction the Residents Association will oppose the closure of the central reservation at the Stratford Road/Creynolds Lane junction because:

This will inconvenience the users of Creynolds Lane by increasing travelling costs and journey times.

This option does not help the difficulties of pedestrians wishing to cross the Stratford Road.

There is a serious possibility that some of the bus services to Cheswick Green may be threatened because of the increased mileage for bus operators. The '4' service is particularly vulnerable. The mileage from the centre of Birmingham to Cheswick Green is about 11 miles. The change would increase this by 10%. The mileage for the 'ME' minibus from Solihull to Cheswick Green is about 5 miles; closure of the central reservation would increase this by over 20%.

The Residents Association would like to see either traffic lights or a roundabout at the junction of Creynolds Lane/Stratford Road.

ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Anyone interested in an allotment - contact Terry Light on E.2109.

Editorial

I must apologise to everyone for the non appearance of the magazine in the last few months. This has been due to the fact that committee members involved with the magazine have been subject to domestic and work pressures. The quality of the magazine has been improved by using a desk top publishing package on a computer. This, however, restricts the number of people who can produce the magazine. A new magazine sub-committee has now been formed and hopefully the magazine will appear regularly.

During the last few months the Association successfully fought an appeal on behalf of an application for a pharmacy in the village which had previously been turned down. The appeal was helped by evidence obtained from the survey which was carried out by the Association two years ago. The pharmacy is now open, is well stocked and appears to be doing well. I hope that after all the struggle local people will support it.

The application by Bryants to knock down houses to build an office block was turned down by the Planning Committee of Solihull Council who were no doubt helped by the many letters of objection and the petition organised by the Residents Association. Thanks to all those of you who took part.

I have been Chairman of the Association for nearly 3 years and I feel that it is time for someone else to take over. I intend to stand down as Chairman at the AGM in April but I hope to remain a member of the Committee.

Chris Noble

Hockley Heath District - Guides and Brownies

Guides and Brownies are growing rapidly in numbers throughout the District. Girls can join Brownies at 7 years of age, progress to Guides at 10 years where they remain until approximately age 15.

It is our aim to give all girls a wide and varied syllabus to cover the eight point programme of the movement, which we feel will be of great benefit to them throughout their lives.

To meet these aims it is essential that we have more Adult help for without it certain Packs and Companies will have to close. Leaders can either be Unit Helpers or Warranted Guiders, but help and training will be given on both counts. If you feel that you can help or share your talents with us could you please contact Mrs Kath Youdan, District Commissioner, telephone Earlswood 2732 for further details.

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Susan Knight
Guide Recruitment Officer for Hockley Heath District.

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Blizzards help village shops

The deep snow before Christmas provided an unexpected boost to shops in the village. The local shops were very busy as village residents searched for provisions. It is worth remembering that that the shops need your support at all times of the year and not just at times such as these. Try to support the village shops.

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CHRSWICK GREEN FETE 1990

Last year the Fete was held in June, in the hope that the weather would be more favourable than it has been for the September date in recent years. The gamble did not entirely pay off, as although the afternoon turned out fine and, indeed, quite sunny, earlier in the day it had seemed as if there might be some showers.

The Fete was preceded by a Fancy Dress Procession starting from the School, and was opened by our local GP, Dr Mark Payne, who awarded prizes to the 1st Cheswick Green Brownies and the Thursday Club for their costumes. Dr Payne remained at the Fete for the entire afternoon and helped us at the end with Raffles and Prize Draws.

Most people agreed that the setting of the Green was in keeping with the theme of a traditional style Fete, and it provided an ideal setting for the dancers. We are extremely grateful for all the hard work that Simone and her pupils put in to give such a delightful display.

Our thanks also go to Peter Davidson and Piers Cockcroft who organised the "It's a Knockout" style contest. And not forgetting the Boys Brigade Band who entertained us with music during the afternoon.

Finally we would like to thank the following companies who sponsored the Fete with either cash donations or goods:-

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The Forge Mill Museum, opened by the Queen in 1983, is now home to the National Needle Museum, a tribute to the traditional industry of 'old' Redditch, alongside fishing tackle. The old mill has been completely restored and in one section the original machinery still operates powered by the the working water wheel. Among many other exhibits are some of the exquisite displays mounted by the needle manufacturers to show off their product ranges. You certainly won't find this a boring museum.

Almost adjacent to the Forge Mill are the partly excavated remains of Bordesley Abbey founded in 1138. Further excavations take place each July and August and the public is able to attend these - but the site is visible at other times.

Both venues are situated in attractive surroundings in the Arrow Valley Park which has riverside walks extending 1 • miles to Arrow Valley Lake where there are boating and fishing facilities available.

So if you're looking for somewhere for a short drive any weekend I can thoroughly recommend a visit to Forge Mill. To get there go via Earlswood, Wood End, B4101 through Beoley until you come to the Redditch-Alvechurch Road (A441). Turn left

towards Redditch, and the Museum is off the roundabout by the new Sainsburys store.

Chris Kenyon

Planning News

There have been several large planning applications in the area. Horgan and Dawn submitted an application for yet another business park on the land adjacent to Creynolds Lane and Illshaw Heath Road. This is an extension to that already proposed by Speyhawk on behalf of Solihull Council. CGRA opposed this application. This application has been included in the public enquiry into the business parks which is currently taking place. Hockley Heath Parish Council have arranged for planning experts to attend this enquiry to state the Parish Councils' case against the Blythe Valley Business Park.

Provident Securities applied for planning permission for an office block between Notcutts and the M42. They have offered to build a roundabout outside Tesco's and will give land to Solihull Council for a landscaped park. CGRA supported some aspects of this scheme but were concerned about the green belt status of the site. Solihull Council have given outline planning permission for this proposal.

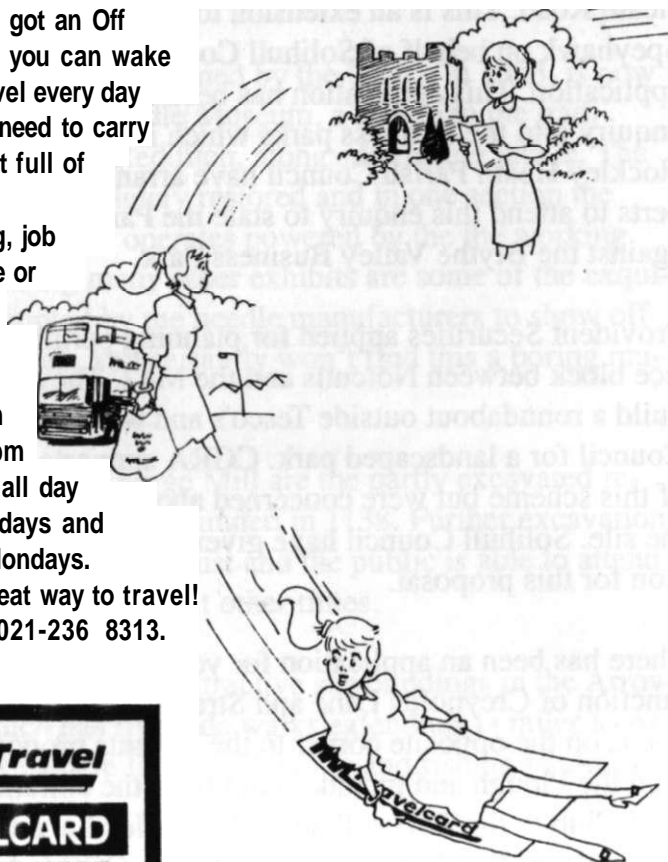
There has been an application for yet another office block at the junction of Creynolds Lane and Stratford Road. However, this one is on the opposite corner to the Bryants proposal and is behind the Plough and includes land from the entrance to Shirley Golf Club to the TSB college in Creynolds Lane fronting both the Stratford Road and Creynolds Lane. CGRA have objected strongly to this proposal and it is unlikely to succeed.

Chris Noble

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The Troop has had a very enjoyable and interesting Summer Camp in Snowdonia and weekend camp in September. The Troop meets at the Scout Hut at 8.00pm on Friday evenings, under the leadership of Roger Smith, assisted by Barrie Bird and Steve Hadabora.

VENTURE SCOUTS

The Unit had a very exciting and entertaining Summer Expedition in Cornwall. Camping, canoeing and sailing figured in their programme. The leaders, Keith and Patricia Baker are expecting a Happy Event in the New Year, and the Unit will be needing new Assistant Leaders to help run the Programme, as obviously Keith and Patricia will have a full programme of their own. ANY VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!!

1ST SALTER STREET CHEROKEE CUBS

The District Swimming Gala was held on 27th October at Tudor Grange. We swept the board with a magnificent effort on everybody's part.

The joint bonfire evening with the Scouts in November was most enjoyable. The Cubs will be having a Christmas Party on Friday 21st December. The theme for the fancy dress will be 'Spacemen'.

If anyone would like to join the Cubs and is 8 years old, come along any Friday to Salter Street Scout Headquarters. We meet at 6.30pm until approximately 8.00pm. Or telephone me on 745 1335. Stella Smith

Stella would welcome any help that can be given.

Cheswick Green Wine Club

This is a small local club for members whose interests range from making superb wines from natural ingredients, through 'kit bashers' to those who simply enjoy drinking wine (well we all do actually).

The club meets once a month (except August) in the comfort of a member's home and the agenda is simple:-

- tasting wine
- a nice cheese supper
- convivial conversation

In addition a barbeque is held once a year and occasional trips are organised.

Natural wastage has eroded our number of members and we would love to see at least another half dozen new members to bring the club back to full vitality.

Please give Chris Kenyon a ring on E.3138 for details

Extensions to the Village Hall

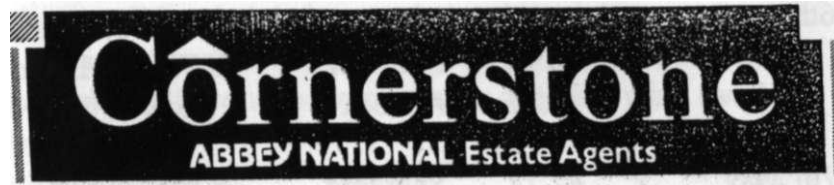
During March/April the extensions to the village hall will commence. The extension is being financed by the Parish Council and will consist of another room, a Parish office, a new kitchen and additional toilets. It is intended that all flat roofs will be replaced by pitched roofs which should improve the external appearance of the building as well as reduce vandalism. The extension will mean the removal of the play area and this will need resiting/replacing after the building work is complete. The interior will be redecorated. The path across the field will be completed after the building work is finished.

Tote Results

26th April	1	43.44	Cheshire	16 Boscobel Road
	2	18.10	Simpkin	30 Willow Drive
	3	10.86	Adcock	Snowhill Drive
17th May	1	42.12	Shergold	15 Foxland Close
	2	17.55	Cambell	8 Snowhill Drive
	3	10.53	Woodcoc	61 Coppice Walk
15th June	1	43.20	Priddy	35 Foxland Close
	2	18.00	Farrimond	6 Saxonwood Road
	3	10.80	Lloyd	11 Osbourne Croft
19th July	1	39.90	Austin	7 Greenside
	2	16.60	Storer	75 Coppice Walk
	3	10.00	Gzarmach	6 Willow Drive
6th Sept	1	40.62	Clarke	36 Coppice Walk
	2	16.92	Kienan	49 Willow Drive
	3	10.16	Franklin	30 Saxonwood Rd
27th Sep	1	41.40	Mumford	65 Foxland Close
	2	17.25	Carrah	3 Foxland Close
	3	10.35	Fincham	12 Coppice Walk

I shall need a new collector for Boscobel Road from January onwards. The job is very rewarding - it gets you away from the TV and gives you an ideal opportunity to get to know people you might not otherwise meet. All applicants considered! If interested, please let me know by phone or note.

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Vandalism

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I would also like to request that parents should encourage their children not to congregate around the shops. The behaviour of a small group of youths outside the shops has resulted in many complaints to me by other residents in the village. I have been told of damage to the shop windows and frames, drunkenness, fighting and bad language from youngsters of school age in Cheswick Green. This has resulted in attracting undesirable elements from outside the village who have made the situation worse. I have also been informed that under age girls may be placing themselves in physical and moral danger by entering vehicles parked in the adjacent car park. There is also a danger to younger children who run the risk of injury from some of these young drivers who drive their vehicles at excessive speeds around the village.

I must emphasise that it is only a very small minority of youngsters that cause problems. The police are keeping a close watch on the area and I feel that it is only right that parents should be aware of what their own or other people's children may be doing without their knowledge before it is too late.

Chris Noble

NOT ALL TURTLES AND TONFAS

The current craze of Teenage Turtle mania has had some mixed reactions, some of it being quite hostile. For good or bad however, it has brought with it an increased interest in the Martial Arts in the same way as the Kung Fu series of some years ago did. Several new clubs practising one or another of the many styles available to the student have opened up in the Solihull area giving any potential newcomer to the sport a bewildering choice. Right on our doorstep however is a flourishing Karate Club which is part of the well established Samurai Karate Organisation. We have reported previously on the successes, both local and national, enjoyed by some of its students and the last few months have proved no exception. Two of our young warriors in particular have been amassing quite a collection of trophies between them. Back in May, Stephen Greer and Philip 'Pip' Battle took 1st and 2nd places respectively for the fighting in a competition held by the Kidderminster Sankukai Club, with honours reversed when it came to the Katas. Further wins followed for both of them in another local tournament with Andrew Hadabora taking third place. Then in June, Stephen won 1st place at the South West Karate competition held near Taunton with a 2nd place gained at the prestigious National FSK tournament held in Manchester. In the same month Stephen and Pip, along with another club member James Ward, shared the honours at our club open championships and on the Welsh Karate Grand Prix circuit Pip and Stephen again collected a 1st, a 2nd and two 3rd places between them to give them both very creditable overall ratings in what is one of the major national circuits.

Tournament fighting is not a necessity within the club however and progress is measured at the grading sessions held every few

months, when the belts are awarded. The next few months will see several members taking their Dan grade (black belt) which is a major achievement for any student. None of these successes, of course, would have been possible without the excellent tutelage of Sensei Clifton Elcock and all the students owe him a large vote of thanks for his expertise and dedication. Tonfa is a Martial Arts weapon.

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Closure of Youth Clubs

Did you know Solihull Council is considering closing all the borough's Youth Clubs as part of a cost cutting exercise? According to Councillor Stephens (Labour Education spokesman) the Tory Chairman of the Education Committee, Councillor Wright, has said that voluntary organisations and workers will take over the responsibility when Poll Tax money is withdrawn.

However, our experience in Cheswick Green suggests otherwise. As far as I am aware we had funded Youth Leaders for a while and voluntary workers did take over but only for as long as those particular individuals felt able to do so. As many residents are well aware there is nothing for young people on the estate at the moment - despite the availability of suitable premises (something which is sadly lacking on Monkspath).

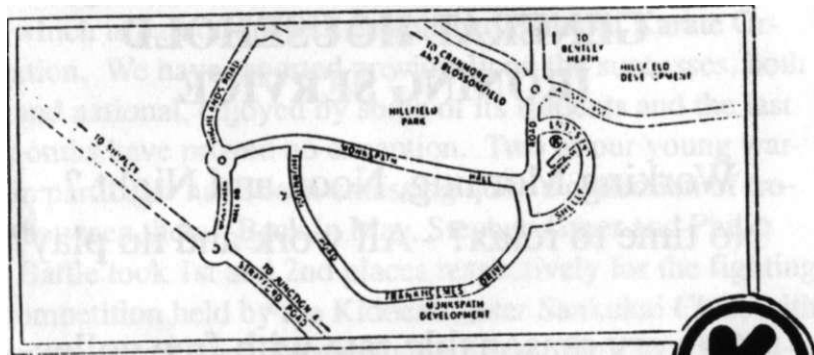
I feel we need to warn other areas of Solihull lucky enough to have Youth Clubs that once public money is withdrawn it is unlikely enough volunteers will be willing and able to put in the long hours necessary for the continuation of such vital facilities for our young people.

If you are also concerned about these Council plans please write personally to our councillors. I have copies of a suggested 'letter plan' for anyone interested.

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