

Cheswick Green News

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New doctors for Village

From Saturday February 1st Cheswick Green will have w general practioners. The new doctors will be from the Shirley practice of Dr. Landey and partners with an additional new doctor. It is understood that the new doctors will provide additional services, such as extra clinics and minor operations, and improved surgery hours.

Dr. Mark Payne resigned before Christmas and interviews for a replacement for the Cheswick G\$sen practice were held on January 7th and Drs. Landey, Tincombe, Leese and Wadcfelf^vere successful.

New Surgery

The Solihull Family Health Services Authority intend to provide Cheswick Green with a purpose built clinic but it will take up to 12 months to find a site and build new premises. The new doctors have had just over 3 weeks in which to organise their responsibility for the practice. Dr. Payne is remaining in his premises in Coppice Walk and is intending to offer a private service. The surgery in Coppice Walk is too small to accommodate an additional general practice so the new doctors have had to seek temporary

ommodation until a permanent surgery is constructed. To avoid the prospect of having to travel to the Shirley surgery, the Parish Council and the Residents Association have made arrangements for the doctors to use the Village Hall as a temporary surgery. This was done with the support and cooperation of Village Hall users. The alternatives would have been for the doctors to acquire a house or erect a 'portakabin', both of which would have required planning permission and could not have been implemented in 3 weeks. It would probably have been very difficult to obtain planning permission for a 'portakabin' in a green belt area and there could have been significant objections from adjacent properties to a proposal to change the use of a house to a doctors surgery.

The phone number for appointments is Earlswood (05646) 3311.

New Bus Service

Following the success of the extended M service, which the Residents Association helped to develop, a new and improved service bus service in Cheswick Green will start on Sunday February 1st. All of the existing services, except school buses, will be replaced by a new single service number 4, operated by West Midland Travel, which will run from Solihull to Birmingham via Monkspath, Cheswick Green and Shirley. The service, using double-deck buses, will run every 20 minutes in both directions during the day on Monday to Saturday reducing to a 40 minute service in the evenings. There will also be an hourly service on a Sunday.

The route will be: Solihull Station to Shirley as the existing M route via High St., Solihull, Widney Manor Station, Monkspath, via Creynolds Lane to Cheswick Green, then Tanworth Lane to Shirley via Woodlands Estate. The route from Shirley will be Haslucks Green Road, then Newborough Road and following the present S3 route into Birmingham.

The timetable is still being printed by West Midland Travel and copies will be distributed to every house. A summary is shown below:

From Cheswick Green to Birmingham (50 mins day, 38 mins evenings)
0700, 0720, 0730, 0740, 0750, 0800, 0820 then every 20 minutes until 1800, 1857 then every 40 minutes until 2257.

From Birmingham to Cheswick Green (50 mins day, 38 mins evenings)
Every 20 minutes at 10, 30, & 50 minutes past the hour to 1710, 1720, 1730, 1740, 1750, 1810, 1830, 1855 then every 40 minutes until 2255.

From Cheswick Green to Solihull (24 mins day, 22 mins evenings)
0645, 0701, 0721, 0739, 0801, 0816, 0836, 0856 then every 20 minutes until 1756 then every 40 minutes until 2333.

From Solihull to Cheswick Green (24 mins day, 22 mins evenings)
0636, 0656, 0716, 0736 then every 20 minutes until 1816, 1835, then every 40 minutes till 2235.

There is a 163 at 0808 which will be renumbered 894A. This school service will follow the same route to Solihull as the existing 163 then Blossomfield Road, Dingle Lane and Whitefields Road to St Peters School.

This service is the best that I could ever envisage for Cheswick Green in the foreseeable future. Apart from Sundays it is entirely commercial with no subsidies from the rates. There are late buses from both Solihull and Birmingham and better connections with the trains at Widney Manor. The only disadvantage with the new service is the loss of the connection at Shirley Station.

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