

## POLICE NOTEBOOK

**T**HROUGHOUT the world, governments and people are increasingly anxious about the misuse of drugs. In the United Kingdom the government gives a high priority to tackling this problem. Drug misuse has increased significantly over the last decade. There are few towns or cities which have not found themselves in some way touched by the tragedy and distress which it brings. Parents **PLEASE BE AWARE** that drugs are easily available in our area, and many of these transactions are taking place at Rave parties or Hippie communes. It is a sad fact that youngsters can obtain a variety of drugs within our own community. Of those young people who try illegal drugs, most obtain them from friends. As a rule, experimentation with drugs such as cannabis and LSD does not start until middle to late teens. Even then, very few in this age range will have access to heroin, crack or cocaine.

The efforts of the police and customs will never be able to completely stop illegal drugs coming into the country. It is frightening to think that some Colombian cartels can lose nine out of ten light aircraft transporting certain types of drugs, and still make a profit.

"So how can I tell whether my child is taking drugs?"

It isn't easy, especially when a child first tries drugs or only takes them occasionally. Many signs are just like the normal signs of growing up, so if your child suddenly becomes

moody or distant, don't jump to conclusions.

Be aware of:-

Sudden and irregular changes of mood, unusually aggressive.

Loss of appetite.

Gradual loss of interest in school, hobbies, sports, friends, etc.

Uncharacteristically drowsy or sleepy.

Increasing evidence of lying or other furtive behaviour.

Loss of money or other valuable objects from the house.

Unusual stains, marks or smells on the body or clothes, or around the house.

Other clues left in the bedroom could be:-

Scorched pieces of tinfoil.

Home-made pipe.

Remains of a cannabis cigarette with small cardboard tube filters.

Cigarette papers, when the user does not usually use roll-ups.

If you would like more information on the subject of drugs (ref. DAPG) or Solvents (ref. SAPG), free copies of the books are available from - Health Publications, Unit Heywood Stores, No. 2 Site, Manchester Road, Heywood, Lancashire, OL10 2PZ.

West Oxfordshire Council now employs a full time dog warden based at Witney. Mr. Candlesh can be contacted on 0993 702941. He deals with the collection of stray dogs, and dogs generally causing a nuisance. Any stray dog caught may cost the owner up to £30, so owners please make sure that you know where your pet is.

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## CRIME BUSTERS REVIEW

Recent daytime burglaries have occurred in Fifield and Shipton, where quantities of jewellery have been stolen. Offenders forced entry and quickly searched bedroom areas. They are unlikely to spend more than twenty minutes in each house. It is believed they travel from the Bristol area. Please report any suspicious incident.

Between 28th and 30th May 1992, a set of wheels and tyres were stolen from a Ford Escort in Shipton.

There have been several other thefts from insecure cars. Please make sure that they are locked. Have you been offered any car accessories? Between 11.00 p.m. on Sunday 28th, and 6.15 a.m. on Monday 29th June 1992, near Fiveways, Shipton, an Allen rotovator with a Briggs and Stratton engine was stolen from a parked van. Have you been offered any garden equipment?

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## SHIPTON W.I. - 40 YEARS ON

**1992 marks the 40th anniversary of the formation of Shipton W.I.**

To celebrate the occasion, our October 8th meeting will be a special 'Birthday' event, at which we would like all past members of Shipton W.I. to join us.

As we have no complete lists of members for the whole of this period, if you are a past member, please accept this as a personal invitation to be with us in the Village Hall on Thursday, October 8th at 7.30 p.m.

## SHIPTON-U-WYCHWOOD W.I.

### HARVEST LUNCH

**At Coldstone Farm**

in aid of the Associated Country Women of the World.

Lunches will be served from 12.00 noon to 2.00 p.m.

**On Thursday 24th September**

**Tickets available from:**

Mrs. Margaret Hartley, 830306 or  
Mrs. Win White 830208

**Or on the day**