

## POLICE NOTEBOOK

**D**URING THE DARK evenings, incorrect parking of vehicles causes a danger to pedestrians, and other road users. On narrow roads motorists park on the footpaths often encouraging other motorists to do the same on the opposite side of the road. Some motorists seem to believe that it is all right to obstruct the footpath if the road is kept clear. **It is an offence to obstruct a footpath and the fine is a £20 fixed penalty ticket.**

During the hours of darkness vehicles must be parked with their rear side to the kerb, thus showing their red reflectors to vehicles travelling closest to them. Goods vehicles over 30 cwt. unladen weight, and passenger vehicles constructed to carry more than seven passengers must display lights to front and rear, whether or not they are parked in a 30 m.p.h. area.

All vehicles must not park within 15 yds. of a road junction, regardless of whether they are on the major or minor road. (This relates to the shortest distance from the junction). No vehicle should obstruct the footpath or verges.

I am also very concerned at the parents who will insist on parking on the zig-zag yellow lines outside our primary schools, my main concern is for the safety of the children and the crossing patrol lady.



When cars park too near to the crossing area, then passing motor vehicles do not see her until the last minute. **This is not acceptable and offenders will be prosecuted.**

Regular speed enforcement is being carried out in our area, and at present eight drivers have been prosecuted (amazingly all offenders live in the area in which they were speeding). Unfortunately details of offenders and offences are not reported in the national press because most of them are dealt with under the fixed penalty procedure.

### Crime Busters Review

Two computers were stolen at the end of November 1998 and may be offered for sale at a reduced price. If you have bought a Grafyte P11 233 Notebook computer, or an Olivetti laptop computer please contact me as I have the relevant serial numbers.

Pc 377 Salmon

**Valentine Dance Saturday February 13**  
**Wychwood Boys football club.**  
**Line Dancing at Milton-u-Wychwood Village Hall.**  
**7.30pm to 11.30pm. Bar applied for.**  
**Tickets £5.00 children £2.50**  
**Telephone 019993 830177 or 01993 830503.**