

The Wychwood

WE BID A FOND FAREWELL to Bob Salmon, our local 'bobby' who is leaving the Wychwood patch after ten years. We wish him well and thank him for looking after us so well. Fortunately he will still be living in the area and we therefore hope we have not heard the last of him and his sense of humour.

We were very pleased to learn of the appointment of Malcolm Cochrane to Vice Lord Lieutenant of Oxford, (see P. 32).

It isn't until we have an article such as the one starting on p. 21 about the history of one of Shipton's oldest ladies that it reminds us of the incredibly rapid development of technology over the past 50 years. From the days of the old manual telephone exchange with its winding handle and few lucky subscribers, to the advent of e-mail, by which one can communicate with hundreds of people anywhere in the world more or less instantaneously. 'Voice-mail' could make even the telephone obsolete!

However, all developments are not necessarily improvements. Those who used the information will notice that there is no reference to WODC skips in this issue. That is because from April there will be no distribution, but collection by appointment will be available. This will be free for 'household' items, but there will be a charge for 'fixtures and fittings', i.e. no charge for a fridge but a radiator will be charged for. Phone 770222 for appointments.

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