



County Council to open up Nuffield recycling centre to Lytchett Residents

Your County Councillor, FRED DRANE, has been fighting for this for more than a year, since before he was elected.

So, when you elected him last May, he was all set to talk with the Officers and the Conservative Party Cabinet who run the county.

Letters and a petition to Poole Council together with a demonstration march to the Nuffield Site worked wonders!

FRED has asked FOCUS to pass on his thanks to all those who supported him by helping, writing and marching.

Dorset C.C. will issue free Nuffield access permits to residents who need them, sparing them longer journeys to recycling centres in Wareham or Wimborne.

For a permit application contact Dorset County Council's waste management team on 01305 225002. Alternatively email waste@dorsetcc.gov.uk or write to Dorset County Council, Waste Management & Environmental Services, County Hall, Dorchester DT1 1XJ

The site is open seven days a week from 8.30 a.m to 4.15 pm. Bank Holiday times are published in advance. Commercial vans are not permitted to the site and vehicles over 1.98m/6ft 6ins high can only access the site on Saturdays between 12pm and 4.15pm and Sundays between 8.30am and 4.15pm.



Cllr Fred Drane and local residents at Nuffield Recycling Centre

If you have any views about the issues raised in this FOCUS, please return this form to your MP or Local Councillor _____

YOU CAN HELP RE-ELECT MICHAEL PEACOCK ON 4th MAY

To Rosie Endecott, 23 Annecott Close, Lytchett Matravers, BH16 6BN
I/we would like to help re-elect MICHAEL PEACOCK by:

please tick

- Clerical work at home
- Displaying a Poster
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On Lytchett Matravers & Morden

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THURSDAY 4th MAY

Due to the way local elections are conducted in this country, the Purbeck District Council election this year is for the seat held by

MICHAEL PEACOCK

Michael won the seat last June. This time round the winner will hold it for four years.

Michael is very involved in the local community. His roles include Vice Chairman of Lytchett Matravers Parish Council, Vice-Chair of Governors at both Lytchett Minster School and Lytchett Matravers Primary School. He is also Treasurer of Lytchett Matravers Sports Club, Lytchett Matravers HomeWatch and Lytchett Matravers Youth Club. Michael, 48, is married to Suzanne, their daughters are Sarah, 17 and Louise, 14 who both attend Lytchett Minster School. Having lived here for 15 years, he and his family have the same local problems as you have, as well as the same pleasures.



Annette & Michael at Lytchett Matravers Recreation Field

Your Local Councillor



Michael is seen here with Annette Brooke MP, as they discuss local issues in the villages.

FOCUS on MORDEN

No prizes for guessing which issue featured most strongly in the replies to Annette Brooke's Survey put out to every house in January...

COUNCIL TAX!

Over one quarter of all those responding made it their main complaint.

Other problems raised included countryside issues and the ongoing lack of public transport. The other concerns included affordable housing for local young people; vandalism; lack of NHS dentists, lack of police patrols; global warming and the environment.

The shelving of plans to alter the dangerous state of the road at MORDEN PARK CORNER also featured strongly.

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THE BEST PERSON FOR THE JOB IS **MICHAEL PEACOCK** X

Liberal Democrats: Working All Year Round
Elect MICHAEL PEACOCK X

Massive response to MP's survey

Annette Brooke, your MP, was amazed at the response she received from the flood of surveys returned by residents of Lytchett Matravers.

There has never been such a good number of returns in the area.

Though no less than 32 subjects were raised by you, a third (32%) were about council tax. Now there's a surprise!



Annette Brooke MP discusses the survey results with Cllr Michael Peacock

Lytchett Matravers residents speak out

After Council Tax, residents cited Local Schools as next on their list of concerns. There has been a long delay by the County Council over the re-building of part of Lytchett Minster School. However there was plenty of praise for the teachers!

Crime prevention, anti-social behaviour and the lack of visible police patrols together made up the third most important issue for you. This was closely followed by concern over the danger of extra housing being built on our green belt land which would be unlikely to provide the affordable housing needed for local young people.

Health matters also featured widely. Whilst local doctors and their staff got good reports, the lack of NHS dentists and hospital waiting lists were of grave concern to some of you.

Pensioners and their problems got a good airing as did the lack of public transport; lack of a dog warden; care homes; opposition to the E.U. and the description of Mr Blair and co. as a "lying, deceitful government."

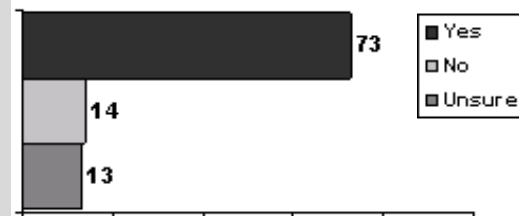
You were asked how many of you had a private dentist and how many NHS. 44% used private services and 54% NHS, although all but 6 of the private patients said they would have an NHS one if they could find one. What a state the NHS dentistry profession is in after 8½ years of this government!

86% of you thought urgent action should be taken on climate change, yet only 74% of you considered the government was giving this important subject sufficient priority.

No ID Cards, more Police on the streets.

In Parliament, the Liberal Democrats are campaigning against the introduction of Identity Cards. We believe the money can be saved to be spent on more police on the streets – 73% of you agreed with this suggestion.

Would money be better spent on more Police rather than ID Cards?



A fairer voting system

71% said they supported electoral reform for a fairer voting system. 9 times as many gave support as opposed the idea. This was dropped by the Labour Party from their election manifesto when they realised that a fairer system would lose them seats. So much for democracy.

Do you support Electoral Reform for a fairer voting system?



AT LAST! - we hope



County Councillor FRED DRANE and MP ANNETTE BROOKE study the designs at the presentation.

More than 40 local residents, the great majority of them being parents of school children attended the County Council's presentation of plans for the re-building of part of the Lytchett Minster School that burnt down in June 2000. The school lost eight laboratories, a maths classroom and the school hall.

This was replaced by 'temporary' classrooms but these should have been replaced by permanent buildings long ago. As FOCUS readers will know, ANNETTE BROOKE MP has been chasing this project ever since she was first elected as your MP in 2001.

Prevarication by the County Council, as Education Authority, has frustrated parents, pupils, teachers and Governors alike.

Many children have gone through their whole life at this school being taught in these conditions – and this state of affairs will last until at least 2008.

For over an hour County Council staff and representatives of cube design, the architects, answered searching questions from those present. These covered such subjects as width of and the flow of pupils through corridors and up and down stairs, seeing that 600 would be using the building at any one time. Size of classrooms; locker space; toilet availability and placing and quality of building materials to be used were also of concern.

Promises were given that the parents' views would be given careful consideration, but decisions had to be made by the end of February for planning permission to be granted in April.

If granted, work would commence this summer and a completion date would be set for summer 2008.

The cost would be £11.9 million.

The school has presented a major modification to the proposed plan, which it has offered to fund and is currently awaiting a decision from Dorset County Council.

FOCUS will monitor the ongoing position through your Liberal Democrat County Councillor, FRED DRANE.

Congratulations!

Under difficult circumstances, the efforts of all concerned at the school to deliver and receive a good education are to be congratulated and admired.



A New Town on our Doorstep?

Currently this proposal has been deleted from the Regional Spatial Strategy for the South West. But apparently there has been pressure to leave open the possibility of development of at least part of the Western Sector (an area in the vicinity of Lytchett Matravers, Lytchett Minster and Upton). It is expected that there will be a period of public consultation, probably during April and May.

Those who wish to have the development included again in the strategy will undoubtedly be pressing their case during this period of consultation. If you oppose the development you should make sure you express your views.