

The wearing of 'smart' clothes shows a measure of respect

THE young correspondent who, last week, stated that smart clothes did not make a 'smart' learner is correct.

However, the wearing of 'smart' clothes does show a measure of respect for oneself and also for other people you make social contact with. I was proud to wear my school uniform, not for any status or misbelieve that I was 'smarter' than anyone else, but because it showed a discipline that bor-

dered on respect and personal care an attention. I still try, but not always successfully, to maintain that discipline today.

The easy option that so many people, of all ages and genre, take, that of wearing fatty, torn and dirty jeans is illustrative of an untidy and 'couldn't care less' attitude that is so prevalent in today's society.

This has got nothing at all to do with less 'dis-

posable' income, as the many I-pods, Kindles and mobile phones constantly in use prove. Many supermarkets have bargain offers on good clothing and attire. You do not have to travel to Savile Row or Bond Street to spend lots of money to look smart and clean.

Further, I hope everyone who wears jeans is aware that after two weeks of wear, a pair of jeans will have grown a 1,000-strong colony of bacteria

on the front, 1,500-2,500 on the back and 10,000 on the crotch (all facts provided by Q1 Ltd as authors). This is enough to put you off a cooked breakfast!

P J Robinson-Kerry
Allendale Road
Loughborough

HUB: Would create a full pedestrian area in Market Place Mr Walker's bus plan seems an easy and workable alternative

I HAVE come to the conclusion that any attempt to use the Baxter Gate Hospital site for the creation of a Bus Station appears to have failed to gain any support either with the Charnwood Council or the County Council and I am surprised there has been no campaign from the public of Loughborough, similar to the "Britain in Bloom" campaign, to promote such a venture.

However, reading the letter from David Walker with his alternative for a Bus Hub, using High Street and Baxter Gate, this seems a very easy and workable alternative. The two provisos being: making the bus companies use the stops and only allowing buses down both High Street and Baxter Gate.

This Bus Hub idea would then create a full pedestrian

area in the Market Place, and when we say pedestrianisation, the meaning is: "to restrict vehicle access to a street or area for the exclusive use of pedestrians", not to run a slalom of buses between shoppers.

With the old hospital site now seemingly given over to plans for a Cinema/Entertainment complex, and I understand there may be a clamour for such an idea to stop cinema-goers disappearing to the large cities, I have to question the viability of spending £1.5 million on the existing cinema and expecting them both to be in business two years from now.

Surely, Loughborough can't sustain two multi-screen cinemas when it can't sustain a Bus Station!

Smart Morgan

Demonstrating there are better ways

CONGRATULATIONS to David Walker for demonstrating that there are better ways of making the Inner Relief Road work for our town.

The County Council has been fixated on road building and not focused on creating a better town centre for shoppers, traders and bus users. They have already declared that, under all options, the bus stops in the Market Place/Biggin Street will go, so why not pedestrianise that area and at the same time improve Baxter Gate and High Street for bus users?

Such a plan would also create a longer term possibility

Max Hunt
County Councillor for NW Loughborough

of creating a Bus Station in that area. The question is, will the County Council listen to Loughborough's own county councillors and think again?

There is a steam roller driving this project and it does Leicestershire County Council no credit. It's time to blow the whistle and come up with a solution that makes the new road serve the town and not be slave to it.

Victory for Very good idea - but has its faults common sense

WITH reference to the letter received from David Walker, at last a victory for common sense.

Pedestrianisation means pedestrianisation! Not for buses or any other vehicle which could encompass the obvious dangers to its small children, buggies, invalids and so on too numerous to mention.

A trial period should not even be given a second thought as this could lead to a permanent thoroughfare for buses when the solution to the problem is so simple as set out by David Walker.

For once let commonsense prevail. Once again pedestrianisation means pedestrianisation.

Alvin Bailiss

A VERY good idea from Mr Walker concerning a one way circular bus route.

But it has two faults. The banning of traffic on High Street and Baxter Gate would be a non starter, access would be required for vehicles to various premises including Baxter Gate Bap-

first Church private car park. Secondly our illogically thinking borough council would tell you it would cost too much money to instigate after all the money they have wasted on the 'bypass'

Mr T.Willet

Have they never been to Leicester?

I AM surprised at the insularity of some of the people of Loughborough, with regards to pedestrianization.

Have they never been to Leicester (people and buses) or Nottingham (people and trams)?

If, as they seem to think, that there are problems with buses in pedestrianized areas, then it would have been mentioned in local or national news.

Perhaps, your correspondents do not want to live in a modern world.

Name and address supplied



Write to the Echo (address on page two) or e-mail andy_rush@mrn.co.uk

Accused of hate crime

I EXPECTED comments both for and against my article on blue badge abuse, but not to be accused of disability hate crime.

I would have thought that reading my observations (name & address supplied) would have seen I was supporting disabled people against those who abuse the system.

Over the years groups of friends & myself have devoted hundreds of hours raising thousands of pounds for organisations such as Loros, Rainbows, Peter La Marchant Trust & many more, so lets have none of this hate crime nonsense.

Name & address supplied also mentioned that blue badges are for all age groups & not just for OAP's. I cannot remember stating age groups or for that matter, my age.

But for the record, I am 75 years old, overweight, have knee problems, have had

Facebook in the sewer

IT'S HARD to imagine a more morally-indignant, brainwashing, attitude-sapping, intellectual-negative phenomenon than Facebook.

Today they have plunged a step deeper into the sewer of bad taste designed for the unthinking and the easily led.

Facebook is for people who are desperate for attention and some people will go to great lengths to get noticed. You only have to see some of the photographs that get stuck up there to confirm that.

We would be far better off in a Facebook-free world.

Oxy Briggs,
Kegworth.

Echo editor's note:

Facebook this week said that it would allow video footage of people's behaviours to be posted on its pages.

Buy your local photos here



Have you had your picture taken by our photographers, or seen a picture in our papers that you'd like to buy?

Browse our catalogue of recent and nostalgic images online, and choose from a variety of sizes and shapes of print, or select from our range of photogifts including mugs, mousemats and keyrings.

Your newspaper photos are just a phone call or click away

WANTED **BRIMINGHAMPOST** **Sunday Mercury** **Southall NEWS**
Midlands Times **Coventry Telegraph** **Loughborough Echo**
0121 234 5450
birminghamcoventrymidlands.newsprints.co.uk

This page is intentionally left blank