

Extract from an e-mail from Mr L Dancey on 7 October 2015

Les was born in the Market Place, Box, and now lives in Christchurch. His memories of Box are undiminished with time and he is a great supporter of the village, often coming to local functions.

Alan Payne

Sent from Windows Mail

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 7 October 2015 22:49

To: boxpeopleandplaces@yahoo.co.uk

Hi Alan,

I get hot under the collar when I think about how things are. The world just seems to be getting more corrupt, including here in the UK. The problem is that people like me are too lazy to do anything about it.

I hope these changes don't go through. I like to think of everything going on as I left it more than fifty years ago. I have no right to feel that way but it an anchor in my life that I treasure.

I am amazed that there should be any consideration for boundary changes between Corsham and Box. The very thought smells of skullduggery to me. They, no doubt have plans already in place as to what they want to do with the land as soon as they get their grubby little fingers on it, and by then the residents of Box will be powerless to do anything about it. Strikes me of those awful western films that John Wayne was always fighting for justice in.

With all the underground workings it is a sensitive area and, to my mind, it is such an interesting area, it should be turned into a National park. Everywhere local government are looking to where they can make a fast buck. Let them look to themselves! Ministers are saying that they get very little pay for running the country but, when you look at their overall cost with functions and exhorbitant expense claims it trebles their cost to us, money they don't pay tax on. OK, so I digress but it's all part of the big con.

This is another call to the trenches for the Box people. It will be irreversible and no amount of wailing after the event will have any effect on the outcome. Though I have been away from the village a long time, it is always in my mind and will always be home to me. Have you looked into whether a petition might be a step in the right direction? They seem to have worked for some people.

Good luck to everyone,
Les Dancey