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LIFELONG Chinnor resident Jim Clark, 88, remembers seeing coachman Spot King on the village streets early this century. *in 1900s*

Spot was coachman to Captain Mansell of Chinnor Hill Manor, an officer in the Indian Army who retired to Chinnor after the Boer War, and

probably brought Spot with him.

Spot acquired his nickname because his dress was always spot-on and he kept his carriage immaculately clean.

Spot worked long hours, and on Sundays always took the Mansell family to the service at St Andrew's Church.

He lived in one of four High Street

flint cottages owned by Sir William Musgrave, and carried on working for the Mansells for two years after the captain's death in 1918.

The captain's wife and their children, Philip and Lily, later moved to a smaller house at the top of Crowell Hill.

When the cottages were bought *in* 1918 by William Benton, founder *of* the Chinnor Cement Works, Spot *and* his family were forced to leave.

His sons, Fred and Tom, both *went* to work for the railways in Scunthorpe. Daughter Cis worked in Hampshire and Irene was a school-teacher.