



DaFNews



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Editorial

Hello family. Welcome to the first issue of DaFNews, the newsletter of the Davies family. DaFNews will be published on an irregular basis to report on significant events that take place within the Davies family.

As you all know the Davies family currently comprises twelve persons (with number thirteen on the way). The families are as follows:



Sheila & Geoff
(Davies)

Nicola Melanie Darren

Nicola & Michael
(Pope)

Jonathan

Melanie & Lee
(Broomfield)

Bethany *expecting*

Darren & Melanie (Mel)
(Davies / Brown)

Courtney Sean

Of course, the only way a newsletter such as this can be successful is if we all provide information to share amongst us all. Anything is welcome – announcements, humorous happenings, etc. So please submit your stories to Geoff for inclusion in future issues.

And so on with the first juicy bits of news.

Laird Carpets Opens Shop in Aldershot

John Laird, Darren's sole contractor, has opened a carpet shop in Grosvenor Road, Aldershot. With this new venture John and Darren are hoping to spend more time providing a fitting and supply service instead of sometimes fitting for other carpet retailers. By this means they hope to offer a better quality service and increase their turnover. Let's wish them both the best of luck.

Sheila, Geoff and Jonathan are the First

Sheila, Geoff and Jonathan are the first family members to visit the new Laird Carpets shop in Aldershot. Jonathan mooched about investigating sample qualities with Lucy (a Laird friend's child) while Grandma and Grandpa made their selection. Being loyal customers they placed an order, which was fitted by Darren on Monday, 27th April.

Nicola Goes Back to Work

Nicola has been employed by Natwest Bank in Woking as a temporary worker to provide cover as and when required. Her initial trial for four weeks means that Jonathan will spend two half days (Tuesdays and Thursdays) with Geoff and Sheila and one half day (Friday) with Michael's Mum, Margaret. Best of luck Nicola!

Melanie and Lee's Number Two imminent.



Melanie is now 37 weeks with her second baby – due date May 14th. Tension and excitement mounts as D-Day approaches.

Melanie can't wait for the fidget to be born. What will it be Bethany? Brother or Sister?

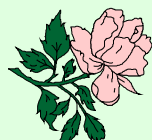
Mel Helps the Handicapped



Mel has obtained a permit to help handicapped children at a local riding school. In addition to the admirable work she is doing this provides Mel with the opportunity to 'escape' the home for a bit and helps her fulfil her ambition to

work more closely with horses. This is a two hour session per week commitment so it just remains for Grandpa to look after Sean during Thursday mornings. Courtney, of course, is attending school.

Michael Battles with the Weather



Michael's week off at Easter was somewhat marred by the disappointing weather. Striving to finish the garden in their new home it just remains for the lower lawn to be laid.

Bethany Catches Another Cold

Having just got over one cold Bethany now has a nasty cough and noisy breathing. It seems that these viruses just circulate around the family continually. What with Geoff just getting over one and Sheila struggling to fight one off. Let's hope the warm weather gives us a break.

A spokesperson is quoted as saying 'I think that b????? gorilla, Guy, is to blame'. Bethany thinks that's rubbish and professes her continual love for Guy. Guy reciprocates her love, even though she bit his nose during the summer 1996.

Decoration Time

Two families are currently about to commence decoration projects. Melanie and Lee have their third bedroom (the nursery) to prepare for their second child and Geoff and Sheila will soon be starting their main bedroom refit using Manor House units from Wicks.

Next it will be Nicola and Michael's turn, who plan to re-paint their lounge now that they have replaced their suite.

Sheila's Surprise



Did Sheila receive a pleasant surprise on April 11th when, expecting just to have dinner with Nicola, Michael and Jonathan on her 53rd Birthday, she found the whole family waiting for her. A super day was had by all – a real family get-together.

Another Classical Convert



Geoff thought that he was nearly alone in the family in his love of classical music. However, in addition to Lee's and Nicola's dabbling Mel has now launched into baroque music as her way of introduction. Well done Mel – there is a whole new world out there waiting for you. A much needed antidote to Darren's RAP.

Melanie Avoids Court

Melanie will no longer be required to attend court as a witness in a case relating to a car salesperson who tampered with the mileage indicator on her Peugeot 309 after she replaced it with the Rover

No Rolex for Lee

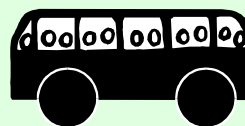
Lee missed out on a fake Rolex when Sheila and Geoff visited Pulau Pinang, Malaysia, for their holiday in March. A conscious decision was made to buy the fake

watches only for the girls and fake T-shirts for the boys. Lee was reported as being very distraught over this incident.

Sean Persuaded to Drop the Buggers

As part of his Klingon (alien speech in Star Trek) vocabulary Sean began to welcome his grandparents with 'Bugger, bugger, bugger'. As this word is deemed impolite in family circles Darren and Mel are endeavoring to persuade him to adopt the more acceptable and commonly used names – Grandma and Grandpa.

Mel Makes the News



Mel, Sean and Courtney made it in the local press when she campaigned against the replacement of the normal busing service for Courtney to Portesbury school with a sub-standard contractor. Her campaign was successful when the local authority agreed to resubmit the tender.

Sean Fearful of Slide

Sean has demonstrated reluctance to go down the slide Mel's mum had bought Courtney some years ago. He was helped by his cousin Bethany during a recent visit to his home, but lost confidence again after her departure. It seems he prefers to wander about aimlessly gabbling to himself. (Takes after his father!)

Next Car Boot Sale

A new car boot sale is planned following the limited success of the first one this year when rain kept many buyers away. Ready Nicola?