



DaFNews



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Editorial

Hello family. Welcome to the second issue of DaFNews, the newsletter of the Davies family and associates.

Well, it has been a really eventful twelve months since the last issue. Although some of the news may be old hat, at least this is a record of what has happened over the past year. The family has increased by one and is due to increase again this year. When will it stop?

Where's Sean?

There was a time when ... if one said to Sean "Where's Sean?" and then pointed one's finger at him and said "There's Sean", he would look behind him thinking you were pointing somewhere else. What can I say?

Jonathan Doesn't Know

"Don't know" says Jonathan shrugging his shoulders and holding his hands out, palms up. This was his stock answer to everything having spent too much time with Grandma who apparently doesn't know either.

Geoff Does it Again

Once again Geoff marks up another plus when he finished refit-

ting the main bedroom using units from Wicks. This mammoth project stretched on and on, thanks to use of a spare bedroom. The big question now is "When will the shower room be finished?" Any bets for this millenium?

Girl for Melanie & Lee

Hayley May was born to Melanie & Lee on 10th May 1998. Nearly one year later on 9th May 1999 Hayley celebrated her first birthday with friends and family.

School Time

Both Bethany and Sean now attend "school". Bethany goes to play-school, close to where she lives, and Sean attends nursery school in Frimley Green near Grandma and Grandpa's. Bethany also attends swimming and dancing lessons. Doesn't time fly!

Nicola & Mike Expecting

Nicola and Michael are expecting their second child, due in September. What will it be this time? The tension mounts.

Geoff Gets Work

At last Geoff gets some work!

After months of scanning the local papers and applying for various jobs, Geoff at last gets some freelance work from a local accountant.

Hayley Starts a New Craze

It's called "Head Nodding". Usually in time with music Hayley would start to nod her head when excited and start all her cousins off on a head nodding jamboree. A secretly shot video even shows her uncle Darren addicted to this strange behaviour.

Darren is Mobile

Hooray! Darren passed his driving test in December 1998. Following lessons from Paul Kingston, Darren passed the driving test and is now bombing about in a Ford Escort. He is also joining the amateur car mechanics club (unavoidable when owning an old car with high mileage). Congratulations.

The Big Tease

Jonathan has obviously inherited his father's habits by teasing everyone, especially his cousins. Because all children develop the 'MINE!' syndrome, Jonathan has learnt to use this technique to upset his cousins, especially Sean, by grabbing the things his cousin

is playing with and hiding them behind his back.

Darren's Job

Following a longish period of underemployment Darren at last got a regularly paid job with Laird Carpets. However, due to two unfortunate events -Courtney's admission to Naomi House hospice and one of principles relating to work - Darren is now looking after Sean full time and unable to seek alternative employment.

Geoff's on the Internet

Geoff has now got access to the Internet using Localtel (a BT approved local service provider). Phone calls to the Internet are free in the evenings and weekends. Geoff's Email address is:
glod@glod.screaming.net
in case anyone is interested.

Michael Gets a Bite of the Apple.

Nicola and Michael have a new addition to their family – an Apple (and not the edible sort). Yes, Nicola was in danger of becoming a computer widow and Jonathan a computer orphan. But they are having none of it with both of them fighting for control of the Mouse whilst Michael slaves away at work.

Grandparents Abandon Grandchildren

Grandma and Grandpa have abandoned their grandchildren three times over the past year by going on holiday to Spain and New Zealand and then to a wedding in Florida. The wedding, by the way, was of Christopher Parcell (second eldest son of Dave &

Jenny) to Cristina. Did the grandchildren miss them? Nope.

The Popes Go to Portugal

Jonathan had his first air flight when the Popes went off to the Algarve for a week of sea and sun. Jonathan came back "browner than you"!

... And The Broomfields Go to Minorca

A week after the Popes return it was Bethany and Hayley's turn for their first air flight. They went off to the Balearics with Lee's Nan as referee.

Melanie's Car Boot Sale

Melanie and her friend Mandy held a car boot sale recently ... still lots of Sheila's clothes left to sell though! A winter selection is also now available.

Melanie's Job

Having done a short spell at Argos for the Christmas period, Melanie has now got a part time evening/ Saturday morning job at Prism in Fleet.

Big Bed for Sean

Sean has now moved into a big boy's bed. Jonathan is next on the list in order to free up the cot for his brother or sister.

Courtney Stays in Hospice

Courtney is now spending more time at Naomi House children's hospice near Winchester in order that she can receive the best care and be as comfortable as possible for what remains of her short life.

Mel is spending most of her time with her and Darren tries to see Courtney most days.

No! Ow!

Two additions to Sean's regular vocabulary are "No" and "Ow" said in quick succession. This happens when he is in an uncooperative mood, eg. when tired. (At least Teddy doesn't get stropky.)

Grandma is It

Bethany has now relegated Grandpa to the back seat (unless there is no one else around). Grandma is now the favourite (probably because Grandpa keeps trying to abduct piggy).

Sean Shuns Birthday Photo

Sean upset Grandma when he refused to join his cousins in a photo with Grandma to celebrate her 54th birthday. He eventually sidled unobtrusively into the photo.

Teddy Learns to Speak

Sean's teddy has learnt to reply to questions put to him. For example, if one asks him if he wants to clean his teeth he nods his head and replies "Yes" in a high pitched voice. He can also shake his head and say "No". Surprise! Surprise!

Melanie Visits the Dentist

Yes, the unbelievable has happened. Scared by Lee's experience Melanie has now visited the dentist twice! And guess what? She only had to have them cleaned. Lucky, or what!