Finally, feeling left out, the Old Fart signed up for Basic (very basic!) German, Soon, like the late President Kennedy, I too will be able to say "Ich bin ein Berliner" - "I am a doughnut"!

All Moving?

ell. we may be moving from the fields areen Lonsdale but Claire and Dawn have

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both already moved this year. Dawn's moved into the Nurses Home at North Manchester General Hospital (we all know what they get up to in those places!) and Claire's sharing a house with Sarah in Halliwell, Bolton through the Bolton Young Person's Housing Scheme.

New Labour New Christmas

e, at least will be really celebrating as this will be the first Christmas under a Labour Government for almost 20 years.

> The friendship, camararderie and, of course the result, made all the effort worthwhile. Even so because more doing we were



something that we believed in.

A few of the abiding memories from the campaign. Noelene in an Andy Pandy outfit almost being dragged helium awav by balloons during а storm and Jack Straw prostrating before Johndressed as Darth Vader.

Then there were the parties. celebration Even now, they're still going on!

Look out for our MP. Ruth Kelly. She's a star for the future.

She's 21

laire was 21 in February this year and here she is with her cake!



Been There, Seen It, Done It, Next!

inda got married in May so that was a good excuse for an unplanned trip to Malaysia before the smog took over. After that we had a week on the small, almost deserted island of Redang, off the Malaysian east coast.

Then October John at was the IBRG in Newark and the US Coatings Show in



Atlanta so we got to see some of the American countryside between New York and Savannah, Georgia via the Blue Ridge Mountains (didn't see the lonesome pine, though!).

But now that Noelene's a full time student there isn't the opportunity (or money!) for us to travel so much. John visits Germany with work one week per month so he's getting to know the town of Speyer very well. Maybe we'll have a trip there together in the Summer.

Apart from that it'll probably be a case of "camping gear out and head for the Scottish border" next year!

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We're Still Here!

Despite the prediction in last year's review that it "might not be Lonsdale much longer" we're still here. At the time of writing it looks as if we might have sold the home of "The Review" and be moving about half a mile away. But, as anyone who's bought or sold a house in England knows, there can be "many a slip betwixt cup and lip"

We're All Students Now

awn started it by enrolling on the Project 2000 Nursing course. She's about to start her final year and is going to specialise in paediatric community psychiatric nursing (she must be mad!).

Next, Noelene gave up a promising career as an Office Temp and is doing a two year Foundation Course leading to a Degree in Art and Design at Bolton College. Lons da e

Then, Claire decided she'd that she'd better get in on the act and is studying Maths and Drama (strange combination!).

