



Kitchen Officially Opened by Freddy FF & Annel

Not Just Us!

We're not the only one's who've moved. Earlier in the year Dawn decided that she was growing too old to take the strain of the nurses' home and moved back to Heywood. Claire eventually got her very own flat through the Bolton Bolton Young Person's Housing Scheme.

Then Danny moved from the rural delights of Cambridgeshire and is now "the lodger" whilst Aki has moved from Japan to Bolton for nine months. So the family grows.



Still At It

"Didn't We Do Well"

Noelene got through her first year at college with flying colours, getting merits in almost all her subjects. So now she's on the second foundation year, working just as hard as last and getting ready for university entrance in September next. Her latest passion is photography and has been seen lying down on pavements snapping leaves, so sit back and see what develops!

I can now find my way to the Post Office in German (liegt dem Theater gegenuber!) having passed my first German exam and am almost qualified for the GCSE course!

Dawn is in the last month or so of her course and will qualify to practise mental health nursing in February and Claire is doing voluntary work for the PDSA, still hoping to be an archaeologist

The political fight this year may not have been as exciting as last year with all the fun of the General Election but we're still playing our part.

Tremendous changes are taking place and whilst some of them might not be to the liking of the more Socialist of us we believe that Tone's got us going generally in the right direction

Our MP, Ruth had another good year too, giving birth to baby no. 2 (Sinead) and being appointed as the Agriculture Minister's PPS.

What Style!

Yes, what style? Just to prove we still have some, here we are all dressed up for the Dinner Dance at Harrogate recently. And yes, the hair does get thinner year by year! The suit gets tighter too.



Zounds, No Sounds!

If music's the food of love then we're starving this year! The Cambridge Folk Festival is an annual must and is highly recommended, especially as the '98 event was during the only good weekend of the summer. stars were Taj Mahal, Capercaille and The Blues Band.

We did have tickets to see the Stones in Edinburgh but Mick's had to save his tax money for the divorce settlement so we're hoping that, complete with zimmer frames (them, not us!) we'll see them in '99.

In November folk singer June Tabor *cont. over*
Zounds cont.

Holiday, No Way!

Last year it was Malaysia and the Blue Ridge Mountains. This year we had a week in a tent in a very wet Cornwall and two weeks at home rebuilding the kitchen.

Cornwall was geat despite the rain, especially as it was the first time in many years when Mum and us four kids (!) had been together in one place.

Rob's now living near Cork in Ireland, so the prospects of another reunion soon are some way off. But who can tell?





Helen, Janet, Mum, John and Rob in Cornwall

was in Manchester and, although she's not exactly a "bundle of fun" she's an excellent and evocative performer.

Let's hope for more sounds next year.

The 4th Avenue Gillatts cont.

three times longer than planned, the new kitchen was officially opened for business by Freddy Fantastic Fingers and Anne in October (see inside).



Noelene gets the shakes in the kitchen!

Crocked!

After years of pounding the streets the body's protesting rather too much these days. I went with the Garstang Running Club to the Ballycotton 10 in the spring and the time of 75 minutes didn't seem too bad, especially after the Murphys the night before and very little training!

But then a succession of twisted ankles and now a knee cartilage to be removed seems to have put an end to the old fart's hopes of "just one more marathon".

But you never know.....

The Fourth Estate '98

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NO MORE



The 4th Avenue Gillatts

At long last, after about two years of trying, we moved and it's "Lonsdale no more". In February we shifted our goods and chattels to 4th Ave., a distance of only 500m but just as daunting a task as if it had been 500km.

The house has one extra room, now the study, come Noelene's studio and a small garden. Oh, and it also needs completely renovating, so "here we go again"!

First step was the kitchen. So, twice over budget and taking

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Christmas Card?

Yep, that's right, no Christmas cards this year. We're donating the money we would have spent to Children in Need instead.



HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A GREAT NEW YEAR

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