

Diploma for Paula

University of Brighton - February 11 when customer services consultant **Paula Corbett** received her diploma in Spanish from chairman and chief executive **Michael Aldrich** at the Winter Awards Ceremony. He is the chairman of the board of governors of the university.

Paula studied for two years - one evening a week. She also went on holiday to Spain on two occasions to improve her fluency in the language.

The picture shows Paula with Michael Aldrich after he had presented her with her diploma.

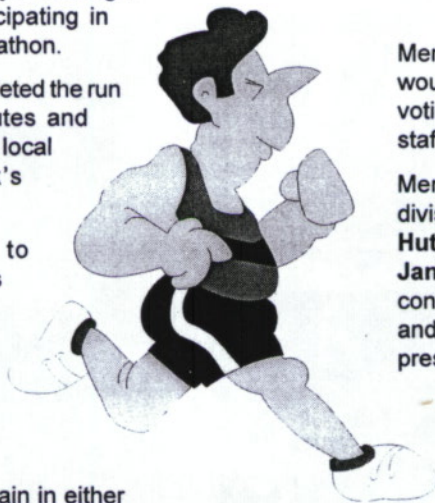


Benny Runs half marathon

February 22 - saw project manager **Benny Coxhill** participating in the Brighton half marathon.

He successfully completed the run in one hour 46 minutes and raised over £175 for a local charity, St Patrick's Nightshelter.

Benny would like to thank all his colleagues at the Brighton office who kindly sponsored him to the sum of £75 out of the total raised.



Benny will feature again in either the April or May issue of Newsline as he has entered the London marathon organised for April 26.

BusinessNEWS

Seminars planned for the next quarter are:

April 24 - ROCC UNICLASS at Rochdale

May 6 - ROCC Forms Processing at Brighton

May 13 - ROCC Forms processing at Rochdale

Staff Pension Fund - Occupational Voting

Members of ROCC's Occupational Pension Scheme would have received last month correspondence and voting instructions asking them to vote for a member of staff they would like to see as a trustee of the scheme.

Member-nominated trustees are: Customer services divisional director **Alan Dobson** and press officer **Beryl Hutchin**. Representing the interests of the pensioners: **Janet Fox**. Company nominated member is financial controller **Kevin O'Neill**. In his capacity as chairman and chief executive of the company, **Michael Aldrich** presides at each trustee meeting.

Proposed staff group pension scheme

The ROCC Computers Pension Scheme was closed to new entrants a number of years ago and will not be reopened.

By the time you receive your newsletter, staff who are not members of the company's Occupational Pension Scheme should have received from the personnel department a letter from the chairman's office. This communication is on the subject of a Staff Group Pension Scheme, that is for those members of staff who do not have a personal pension and would be interested in a ROCC-sponsored scheme.

If you are interested, then please contact **Janet Fox** on 01293 447643.

From the Editor



Daisy's cookery corner is back in business again and in this issue we feature two recipes. One is from Brighton-based **Becki Newland** for a fish pie dish, the other from **Steve Agace** for curried swede soup. I can certainly vouch for the soup – it's delicious.

Beryl Hutchin editor



Future Productions



Newsline's thespian correspondent **John Stanley** has informed us of two future productions being staged by the Ifield Barn Theatre in Crawley

March 4-7 - **The Sunshine Boys** by Neil Simon. Performance starts at 8pm.



May 8-9 and May 13-16 – **Love Affair** by Alfred Shaughnessy.

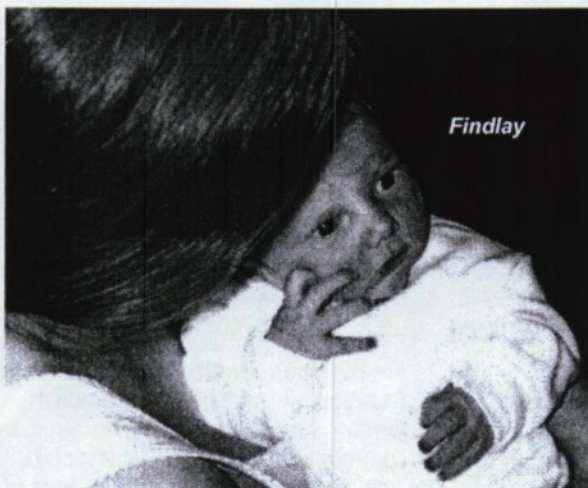
As yet no performance times are available.

All tickets £5 each



BABY CORNER

First grandchild for sales representative for CEM **Colin Jamieson** and his wife **Lesley**. His son **Darrel** and partner **Suzannah** became the proud parents of a boy **Findlay** who was born on January 7 weighing 8lb 11oz.



Pensioner **Eileen Tubb** rang the editor to inform her that she and her husband **Derek** have become grandparents for the thirteenth time! To her son **Peter** and his wife **Elizabeth** a second child **Isabelle Charlotte**, born on February 4 at Crawley Hospital weighing in at 7lb 15oz. A playmate for **Sophie**.



John's a winner

Occasionally, Newsline receives snippets of information about staff who win competitions.

This time a lucky winner was analyst/programmer **John Turner**.

John had entered a small competition run by PC Week last December. It was announced in the title's January 27 publication that John was one of five winners of an IBM WorldBook Discoveries CD. As at February 19 he had not received his prize. Bit of a poor show.

End of an Era...

Headquarters for ROCC, Rediffusion Computers and Redifon for many years, the old offices and factory at Kelvin Way, Crawley are no more.

Developers moved in to demolish Unit 0 and Unit 1 during February, as the pictures show.



Appointments

SYSTEMS DIVISION - Brighton



Matthew Stuart has joined ROCC as an ICR (intelligent character recognition) post sales customer services assistant.

Before coming on board, Matthew spent four months, at the University of Sussex doing voluntary work for a charitable organisation.

Prior to this he worked as a technician for two companies associated with the

music industry, Denon in Chalfont St Peters and Hove-based Helix Records.

Academic qualifications: diploma in computer science – University of Brighton.

Matthew's principal interest is all aspects of the music world including computer and video graphics work. He also enjoys walking and playing bass guitar.

Bristol

Shaun Thompson has joined as an account manager from Appropriate Technology Plc where he was the product sales manager for the UK from September 1995 to December 1997.

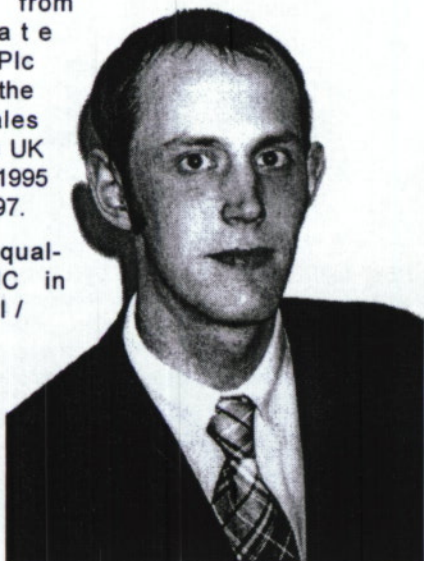
Academic qualifications: HNC in electrical/mechanical engineering – Salisbury College of Technology.

Shaun is married to Jo.

A motorbike enthusiast, Shaun owns a Ducati ('the Ferrari, he says of motorbikes'). He is endeavouring to learn how to play golf and both he and Jo enjoy eating out.

Martin Upton has come on board as a support consultant (pre-sales) for ICR from the Somerfield supermarket chain joining them last July as an assistant buyer.

Prior to this he did a four-year sandwich course at the University of the West of England where he gained a BA honours degree in business studies with combined sciences.



Martin is married to Rachel and they are expecting their first child in May.

Recreational pursuits include playing golf and five-a-side football, keeping fit and watching rugby union football especially Cardiff and Swansea.

Rochdale

Carla Swales has come to ROCC from Brady Chartered Surveyors where she was employed as a secretary from February 1997 to joining us last month.

Academic qualifications: NVQ in business administration – RSA in typewriting, database spreadsheets and word processing.

Carla's free time is taken up with swimming, attending aerobics, socialising and going to the cinema.

SERVICE CENTRES

Manchester

Lee Ellerton joined at the end of last year as a customer engineer having previously worked on contract assignments for nine months maintaining Tiny, Opus and IBM PCs.

Prior to that he was with Stoke-based CSS Computers a third party maintenance and installation company where he was a field service engineer for 12 months.

Academic qualifications: American general education diploma in computer science – Golfport Community College, Golfport, Mississippi.

Lee and partner Hayley have a toddler named Jade and most of his leisure time is spent with this little bundle of joy. He is also a home computing enthusiast.

Well the editor has tried and tried to obtain a photograph of Lee. I wonder why he hasn't sent her one!!

Surbiton

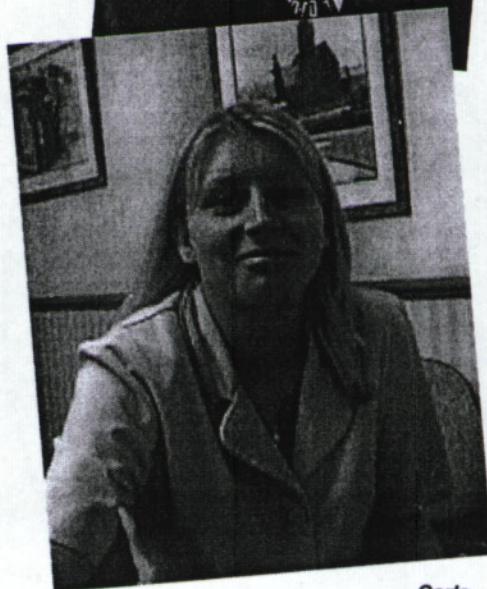
Fred Ocrah has joined as a customer engineer coming from Computer Aid a London-based EPOS and PC maintenance company, where he was a trainee engineer for two years.

Academic qualifications: HNC in electronic engineering – South Thames College.

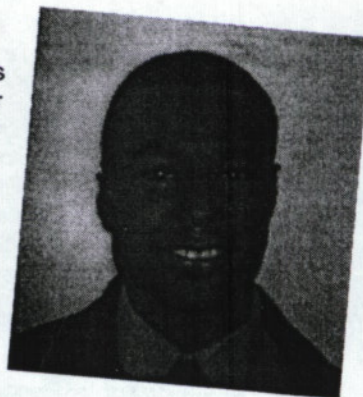
During his leisure time Fred plays pool, coaches 8-12 year old children in football, likes going to the cinema and socialising and is a keen supporter of Arsenal FC.



Martin Upton



Carla Swales





Daisy's Cookery Corner

Ingredients

(Serves 4)

- 350g of swede diced to ¼" thick
- 175g of parsnips diced to ¼" thick
- 1 red pepper diced to ¼" thick
- 1 small cooking apple diced to ¼" thick
- 1 onion thinly sliced
- 30g of brown basmati rice
- 15g coconut
- 300ml tomato juice
- 900ml of vegetable stock
- 1 garlic clove (pressed or thinly chopped)
- 1 tbsp sunflower oil
- ½ tsp medium hot curry powder
- ½ tsp coriander
- ½ tsp ginger
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp cumin
- 1/8 tsp turmeric

Curried Swede Soup

Method

Heat the oil and then sweat the swede, onion and parsnip. Add the red pepper and continue cooking for 2-3 minutes. Add the apple, rice, spices, garlic and cook for a further two minutes stirring all the time. Add the salt, tomato juice and vegetable stock and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat, cover and simmer for 30 minutes.

Serve with either a French stick or thick slices of granary bread.

Ingredients

(Serves 4)

- 1 large fillet of cod (or any white fish will do)
- ½lb of shelled prawns
- Fresh dill or parsley chopped
- 1 small tin of sweetcorn
- 4 florets of broccoli chopped
- 3 good sized potatoes
- 4oz butter
- 1pt white sauce (Becki uses a packet mix)
- Grated cheese
- A sprinkle of breadcrumbs (optional)
- Salt and pepper

Becki's Fish Pie

Method

Peel the potatoes, chop and boil.

Cube the fish and place in a saucepan with a knob of the butter, place pan on a moderate heat and add the broccoli and sweetcorn, cook for 3 minutes. Make the white sauce adding pepper, salt, parsley and or dill, pour over the fish then add the prawns and cook for a further 3 minutes.

Mash the potatoes using the rest of the butter and season well.

Pour the fish mixture into an ovenproof dish, cover with the mashed potatoes, sprinkle the grated cheese and breadcrumbs on top.

Place in the oven at 200°C or gas mark 5 for approx. 25-30 minutes or until brown.

Serve with a bottle of chilled white wine and seasonal vegetables.

Health & Safety



Electrical Safety

In last September's Newline I wrote about **Portable Electrical Appliances** and the need to maintain them in safe working order. At that time much of the electrical equipment had been redistributed around the company during the moves to new premises and our portable appliance test (PAT) programme had fallen behind. As an interim measure, I suggested that staff could help by carrying out a simple **visual inspection** of equipment and I listed some checks that could be carried out, which I am pleased to note, has taken place in some departments.

During the last few months, I have carried out inspection and tests on around 200 appliances. However, there are still a large number of appliances which have not been looked at for up to 4 years. I therefore urge users to continue with the visual inspections. One fault that I frequently find is the **wrong fuse value** is fitted. A 13 amp fuse is often used where a 3 or 5 amp fuse is needed. If the fuse value is **too high** the equipment will continue to work and its performance will not be impaired. However, should a fault develop it is possible that the fuse will not blow and the equipment will overheat and catch fire. This is particularly important with equipment that is left on 24 hours a day such as fax machines, answerphones and computers. If the fuse rating is not indicated on the label the following table will provide a useful guide.

Appliance	Recommended fuse rating
Personal computer	3amps
Refrigerator	5amps
Standard vacuum cleaner	5amps
Fan, oil filled or convector heater	13amps
Kettle	13amps

REMEMBER before carrying out your visual inspection switch off the equipment and remove the plug. If you have any doubts about the condition of the equipment, stop using it and arrange with your manager or supervisor to have it checked and tested by a competent person.

ALSO REMEMBER one in 30 accidents involving electricity are fatal, compared with one in 600 for all others.



Finally, I would like to inform you that the new chairman of the Health & Safety Committee at Crawley is **Alan Dobson**.

Phil Carr
occupational health and safety consultant

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