

# DUNSYRE HOUSE

Following the handing in of a petition to the District Housing Department, signed by 106 residents of Dunsyre House, Calder . . . last December, there has now been some movement by the District Council's Housing Committee.

Regional Councillor John Mulvey took up the tenant's case when they forwarded a copy of their petitions to him. On March 4th, the District Council's Housing Subcommittee discussed a report from the Director of Housing. The outcome of this discussion is that a caretaker will be installed in Dunsyre House when appropriate housing becomes available. In view of the difficulties which tenants experience in transferring out of high rise blocks, "appropriate housing" becoming available could take some time.

Councillor Mulvey told the Sentinel, "the tenants in Dunsyre House were asking for action on vandalism, fire, damp, and a broken lift. I was particularly concerned about the broken lift, following the experience of a tenant in one of the blocks of flats in Westburn. It appears that her young child had managed to hit the button for the lift on the seventh floor, and when the lift door opened, the lift was in fact on the ground floor.

I am not at all satisfied with the decision which has been taken in this case. I have not, as yet, been informed officially, but should there prove to be lengthy delays on action being taken to meet the tenants' requests, I shall be calling a public meeting to discuss what further action the tenants can take.

As anyone who has received their new rent books can see, if they read the back of the circular enclosed with them, the District Housing Department takes responsibility for communal areas, and lifts. These areas are included in the rateable value of the property which the tenant pays rent for.



## VENCHIE NEWS

### "BUSY BEES"

The Venchie is buzzing like a hive on a spring morning. During March the committee is organising one of its celebrated dances complete with bar, disco, buffet and tombola.\* This will take place on the 22nd March in the T.U. Hut (Hailesland Community Centre, beside the adventure playground).

In the meantime, the play-leaders and kids are planning a sponsored

silence on Saturday 15th in aid of disco lights to go with the discotheque donated by the Prince's Trust Jubilee Appeal Fund. Sponsorship forms are available from playleaders.

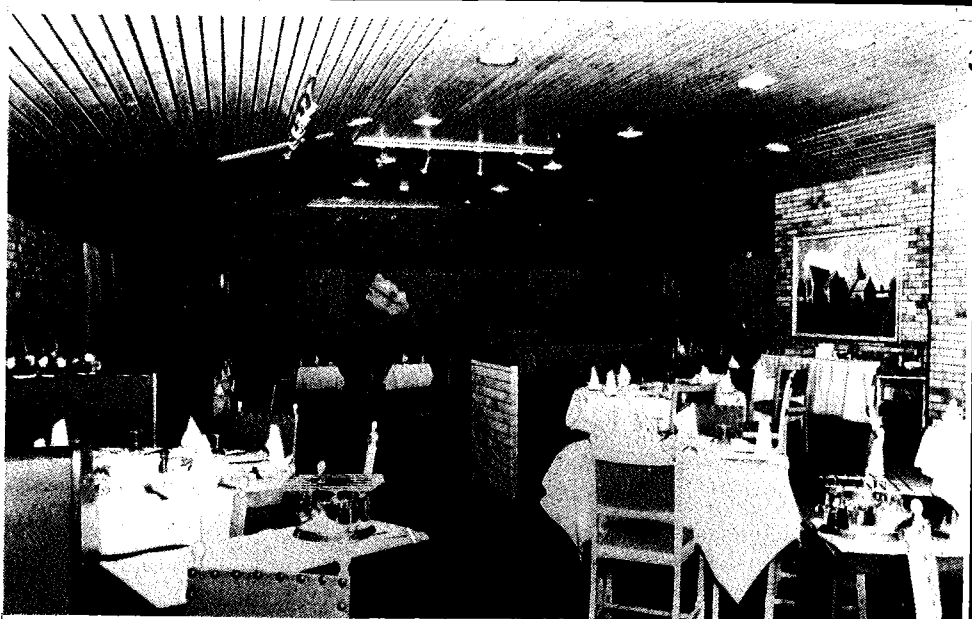
As well as these events, our new fundraiser Ben Sime is running a draw to guess the name of the doll in the Thrift Shop window, the winner will win the doll and entry forms are available at the Venchie Hut.

\* Tickets are £1.00 each and are available from Alex Watt at the Community Workshop or at the door.



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