

# BUTTER, CHEESE, MILK



David Martin Lothian's Euro MP visited the Sentinel offices to hand out some of the Common Market butter mountain.



Hailesland Tenants' new worker, Ian gets to grips with Tesco's generous donation of 250 carrier bags.

## Ingredients for a Wester Hailes Success

This week sees the last of the EEC butter mountain melting its way through Wester Hailes and despite the increase in cholesterol levels, thanks have been expressed from as far and wide as Murrayburn and the Calder!

Thanks to all those who have staggered up and down stairs, delivering pounds of butter, cheese and even cartons of milk; to the Salvation Army who offered the goodies; to Tesco who helped out with 250 carrier bags and even to the dog who lapped up the occasional spilt milk (well, there's no point crying over it!)

And what a mammoth task it was - 16 tonnes of butter, 12 tonnes of

cheese and enough milk to make a Jersey faint! But where was the macaroni, I heard you cry?

Who would have thought that from a simple 'phone call to the Salvation Army, Wester Hailes would be faced with a distribution problem to match the Berlin drop and a staple diet of cheese omelettes for a month?

But with a commandant like local resident, Christine Enwood organising the troops and making sure things went smoothly as possible how could we fail? Thanks Christine for giving up your time and showing us all what community spirit should be about.

And many thanks too to Alan Wallace, Peter Sweeney, the building squad, community centres and all those volunteers who unselfishly and happily made sure every door in



The hardworking building squad unloading the first batch of free milk.

Wester Hailes was visited.

Of course there were hiccups (aren't there always?). Like the old dear who thought she was to get a pound of butter every day for the next year - it's OK, you can cancel the 10 slice pan order.

Perhaps she had overheard local councillor, John Mulvey suggest that the butter could be used to stick the harling on to the blocks of flats!

And of course there was the usual criticisms, sour grapes and general controversy; mainly whipped up by certain sections of the press who are not as responsible as our own.

But we would like to reassure the people of Wester Hailes - we got the EEC surpluses because we asked, not because the

Salvation Army thought everyone in the community was on the poverty line or deprived.

The surpluses were to be given to all those people who were pensioners, homeless, in receipt of Supplementary or Unemployment Benefits or in recognisable need.

These were Government guidelines. It is also the Government who in their wisdom gave Wester Hailes the dubious title of "multi-deprived."

And it was because of these two facts coupled with the strong community participation in Wester Hailes that made it possible for us to argue that every local man, woman and child should get their fair share.

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## THE SENTINEL'S NEW RECRUIT

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pupil  
fulfils  
life's  
ambition



14 year old Mark Thomson from Westburn has a laudable ambition...to be a journalist. And what better place to find out about this esteemed profession than his very own local paper...the Sentinel.

Mark is a third year pupil at Wester Hailes Education Centre, and part of his school curriculum is Technical and Vocational Education (T.V.E.I.). This initiative, funded by M.S.C. is designed to allow 3rd year pupils a taster of work experience to give them a better idea of possible future employment. Mark decided a few years ago that he wanted to be a journalist, so, using his own initiative he got in touch with the

Sentinel to ask for our advice. We were so impressed by Mark's enthusiasm and energy that we have invited him to spend the day with us, to find out what being a journalist entails. He will spend the day visiting the District Council; writing a story and getting it ready for the paper. His adventures will be featured in next month's Sentinel. In the meantime Mark has written a few words on why he wants to be a journalist. These are his first words in print - I doubt if they will be his last....

"My name is Mark Thomson, I am 14 years old and in my third year at Wester Hailes Education Centre. My hobbies are football, pool,

snooker and badminton. also like going to support Hearts.

My ambition is to do well at school and get good qualifications to become a journalist. When I leave school will probably go to college or university to study journalism. The reasons why I would like to be a journalist are that I want to travel to places, I think it would be exciting and challenging plus you get paid a lot of money (ha ha).

The kind of paper I would like to work for would be something like the Daily Record, the Sun or Star. The reasons why are that the report stories throughout the nation and interview lots of famous people."