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### news in brief

● **PALACE? COOL:** Three members of an award-winning Luton group are off to the palace to meet the Queen on Monday.

Mitalee Youth Association committee members Ashuk Ahmed and Shruir Uddin will be joined by youth workshops co-ordinator Mehrib Koyes for the prestige date at London's St James's Palace.

They're heading to the capital to receive the Queen's Award for Voluntary Services at a ceremony attended by both the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

And the Waldeck Road-based organisation is also planning a local ceremony to celebrate the award, planned for September at Maidenhall Junior School.

The ceremony in London coincides with the start of the search for nominees for the 2005 award. "This award has been great for us," said Mehrib. "We encourage others to try and seek the same recognition."

If you know a group of volunteers who work to support the local community and who should be recognised and rewarded for their efforts, you can find out more about the awards on 0845 000 2002.

● **CLEAN GETAWAY:** Petty thieves cleaned up a laundrette on its floor after befriending the manager in a conversation about washing driers at the weekend.

The two young white males walked into the Wash and Dry Centre on Pudding on High Street on Saturday evening between 5.30 and 7pm, chatted to the on-duty boss and then walked out.

The pair, aged between 25 and 30, returned carrying a bottle of wine and one of them asked the attendant if they could use the oilier in the private area at the back of the shop. It wasn't until about 10.30pm that the attendant noticed the pair.

# Hooligans terrorise pensioners

by John Kesby

A CAMPAIGN of vandalism and hooliganism is bringing misery to the lives of two octogenarians in Caddington.

Teenage thugs have knocked down the couple's fence in Chaul End Road several times. When they rebuild it, the thugs come back and knock it down again.

Then when the couple have retired to bed, they hammer on their windows.

Stanley Cox and his wife Yvonne have reported the continuing campaign to police, but complain that still nothing has been done.

Stan complained: "We are both in our 80s and we just don't want this sort of problem at our time of life. I'm afraid I am getting on a bit to go out and have a punch-up with them. I haven't got a dog, if I still had my old alsatian he would have sorted them out."

"On this last occasion, they came and broke the fence down and I telephoned the police, but by the time they got here, they had vanished - they had obviously seen them coming."

He added: "We are just at our wits' end and we don't know what to do."

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**SMASHED UP:** Stanley Cox surveys his damaged fencing.

on a small playing field nearby almost every weekend, making local people's lives misery.

"It is very frightening for my wife and me, particularly when they come banging on the windows late at night."

"I am told other people locally also have their problems with these youngsters, but there