



# Sleeper success

Underground staff from East Finchley station successfully completed their sponsored walk on July 29 raising thousands of pounds for charities.

Ten members of LRT's local staff carried a sleeper weighing 120 pounds from High Barnet station to Morden, its counterpart at the other end of the Northern Line, a distance of 27 miles. Along the route they visited all 31 tube stations, collecting money as they went.

A similar team from Golders Green station carried another sleeper along their leg of the Northern Line and on to Morden. Officially termed 'a race' the Golders Green staff completed their task in a faster time than the East Finchley team. The two teams raised some £3,000 between them but, remarkably £2,500 of that was raised by the East Finchley team. One member, Paul Hogan, raised £1,300 himself. (Well done Paul!) The East Finchley team completed their task in just eight hours 34 minutes, an hour and twenty minutes faster than last year's attempt.

The venture was not without incident though; Vasco D'Gama of East Finchley team walked a full two and a half miles in his underpants due to 'discomfort' caused by his shorts, while his colleague, Doug Goldney, had to leave the group at Kennington in order to catch a train to East Finchley to start work for a full shift!

Kevin Garrity, described as a hero by fellow sleeper racers was, after much persuasion, forced to give up due to heat exhaustion on one of the hottest days this year.

The team was helped through with water, plasters and other support by their coach Paul Abrams, East Finchley's Station Manager.

The money raised will be shared between four charities, The North London Hospice (who supplied the collection boxes), Cancer Research, The Children's Heart Foundation and the Coeliac Society. Readers who wish to make a contribution should ring Margaret Dwyer on 0171-918 7622 who will be more than happy to assist.



Girls of Holy Trinity School with the cheque they presented to the RSPCA clinic.

## Windfall for the RSPCA

On behalf of the local branch of the RSPCA, Eugenia Piccarello recently accepted a handsome cheque from some of the children of Holy Trinity School.

Twelve pupils raised £110.00 on their own initiative. Under the guidance of their teacher, Yvonne Howe, they made and sold soft toys and cakes and held a raffle at their school fête.

After the presentation there

was a long question and answer session about the children's own pets. Several of the pupils use the clinic in Park Road, where the money will be used to buy new equipment and they were all encouraged to take an interest in the work of the clinic.

## Burgers barred

by Len Willcocks

Plans by McDonald's to open a 190-seater restaurant as an extension to their Hamburger University Headquarters in East Finchley High Road, were overturned by a recent meeting of Barnet Council's Planning Committee, but the company is to appeal.

The protest campaigners, having won the first round, were delighted with the outcome but recognise they could have a long fight yet.

McDonald's Communications Director, Mike Love, told *The Archer* the next day, "We will consider lodging an appeal; we are very disappointed and surprised by the outcome."

East Finchley councillor, Helen Gordon was against the plan. "The location of the restaurant would cause increased traffic problems and create noise and disturbance for residents in the area," she said.

The protesters also say that litter will be a problem and nearby sheltered housing residents were worried about what kind of customers would use the restaurant.

### Mc-rake

The McDonald's response to those objections is that the litter is a social problem. "For

our part," said Mr. Love, "we have litter patrols which clear the whole area surrounding our restaurants every 30 minutes. We are also willing to sponsor extra litter bins in the area.

"We aim to attract commuters from the underground station nearby and local people who live and work in East Finchley, rather than people driving past in cars."

## Neighbourhood Watch

At a recent Neighbourhood Watch meeting, Peter Davis, Crime Prevention Officer from Golders Green, stated that although East Finchley is a relatively low crime area compared to other parts of north London, we should still be aware and vigilant.

East Finchley averages two burglaries a day as compared to 30 per day in the Hornsey area, but two burglaries a day is still too many.

It is important during this hot weather to make sure windows and doors are not left open.

## Postie attacked

Postie, Jackie Gray's worst fears were realised the other day when an assailant jumped out on her in a pathway near Creighton Avenue.

Her immediate reaction was to relinquish her trolley and yell. "When I unfroze, I chased him," she said. He got away but the police were soon on the scene and found her trolley and its contents intact.

Local residents are even more watchful for her and all postmen are on the lookout for the assailant.

## Buck Passing

### Red Faces All Round!

*The Archer* apologises to all readers for the appalling photographic reproduction in last month's issue.

The tonal gradations were lost totally so that all our "half tones" ended either pitch black or snow white. This meant that many of the people mentioned in the captions had disappeared from the picture!

The editor has tried to determine the cause: the photographers blame the production department; the production department blames the printer; the printer blames the photographers; the photographers blame the...etc., etc.

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