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Help a family

By Paul Savill
Family Link, a scheme run by Barnet Social Services, is appealing to East Finchley residents to become part-time carers for disabled children and their families.

Family Link is a scheme which provides disabled young people and their families with regular short breaks.

A few hours

The scheme wants people who can regularly offer a few hours, a weekend or longer. Carers can be single people, couples or a family. No special qualifications are necessary.

The times when a child visits will be worked out to suit the carers. Preparation, support and training plus an allowance will be provided.

Enjoyable experiences

"Most children enjoy visiting friends and benefit from experiencing different environments and situations", says Marcelle Benton, social worker, Family Link.

"Children with disabilities don't always have the opportunity to do this. That's where Family Link can help."

To find out more, contact Family Link on 020 8359 4249.



Elizabeth Fulton receives her medal from the mayor

Fun Run

Eight year old Elizabeth Fulton of Great North Road, N2 took part in a 2km fun run at Barnet Cophall Stadium.

Elizabeth completed the run, which was in aid of the Mayor's Appeal, for which she received a medal from the mayor himself. She was also presented with a prize of WH Smith vouchers when she gained third place in the optional fancy dress competition. A pupil at Martin School, Elizabeth is living in London with her six-year-old twin brothers while their American mother is over here studying at the London School of Economics.

Workshop worries

The recently closed Total petrol station next to the police station in Fortis Green may soon be a car repair workshop.

An application for this change of use has been submitted to Haringey Council and some local residents are objecting to it.

Mr J Giles who lives at 111A Fortis Green has sent a letter to nearby residents.

"We are really worried that this is going to cause a lot of problems to people living nearby", he writes.

"Car repair machinery is often loud and unpleasant... cars revving up a lot... car doors be-

ing slammed all the time.

"I think it will make what is a pleasant, quiet residential area a far less pleasant place to live."

Reliable seasonal staff required

Apply at the kiosk in
Cherry Tree Woods
East Finchley
Tel 020 8883 8909 (Kiosk)
Tel 020 8906 8516 (Home)

Seeing Red

By Diana Cormack
A rash of red boxes has been spreading throughout East Finchley.

They can be spotted on their supports lurking between lamp-posts and street signs, or standing out brazenly for all the world to see.

The Post Office is responsible for these eyesores, which local residents were not consulted about. No doubt they serve some purpose which we have managed without so far.

They have rapidly become yet another target for the gormless graffiti gangs to deface and so spoil our surroundings even more!



Nicky Davey photo by Diana Cormack

Football Feat

by Diana Cormack
Ten-year-old Nicky Davey, of Brownsell Road, has a talent which has been spotted by Watford Football Club!

He is to have a trial with the club after Easter, which could involve a ten-week training course. Nicky, who is in Year 6 at Holy Trinity School, already plays for Barnet's Under Elevens and recently represented them in a football competition. He is hoping to win tickets for a Barnet FC ground tour and match in a penalty shoot-out against other youngsters.