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The Dog Show in Cherry Tree Wood. Photo: Sharon Lytton

Dog Days

By Diana Cormack

Eileen Cannon thought of a novel way to raise funds for the Animal Aid and Advice charity shop in the High Road, East Finchley. She organised a dog show!

It took place in the park where many of the participants were known to her, for Eileen runs the Cherry Tree Wood Café which always provides passing pets with a welcome bowl of water, besides serving their owners with refreshments.

The best veteran was Jay-Jay, owned by East Finchley's own Dutchman Willem Peppinck. The overall winner was Georgie, an eight-month-old Pyrenean Mountain dog. Her young American owner has recently moved into the area. The canine contestants were judged by park keeper Chris Ward and his girlfriend Eleanor Woolman.

At the time of writing, Eileen's own dog is the centre of attention for café friends as they await the birth of her puppies. See next month's *Archer* for the outcome!

Abandoned

By Daphne Chamberlain

With the loss of scrap metal value, more cars are being abandoned. A police representative at the last Finchley Forum said that it was not part of their remit to remove them, although the vehicles will be checked in case they have been stolen.

If a car is untaxed, Neighbourhood Management Services will report it to DVLA. If you see an untaxed car being driven, it should be reported to the police.

Neighbourhood Management officers will discuss the problem

of abandoned cars at the next Finchley Forum (Monday 17 July at Northside School). They will be available for personal consultation between 6 and 6.30pm, immediately before the start of the Forum.

Parking Zone extended

Bedford Road, Durham Road, Widecombe Way and Diploma Avenue are now included in East Finchley's controlled parking zone.

This is welcome news for most of the residents of these roads, who petitioned against their exclusion from the original zone. They were worried that commuters, shoppers and traders would be queuing up to grab free spaces at their expense.

Expense of another kind is still bothering the traders, though. Their request for more business parking permits at a lower price has been refused. They are still limited to three permits each, at a cost of £125 per permit.

Crane crash

By Martin Earl

A mobile crane ploughed into the back of two stationary cars while they waited for the lights to change at the NCR and High Road on Saturday morning, 10 June.

The driver of the crane from Fairview crane hire said that his brakes had failed and he had tried to avoid the cars by mounting the curb but he was bounced back from it. The two drivers in the cars were shocked, especially a woman who was five months pregnant. Fortunately there were no passengers.

I had been watching the crane in my rear mirror all the way from Whetstone and had I chosen the inner lane to wait at the lights my car would also have been crushed and written off. As it was I helped to call an ambulance and the police who both arrived within minutes, but I was surprised that only one other person stopped to help. And I wished I had remembered my first aid training from long ago – I should have made sure all the ignitions were switched off; something the police did immediately. Oh well, next time – but I hope there isn't one!

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Tuesdays: 7pm - 8pm.

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Humanity Awards 2000

By Diana Cormack
Do you know of anyone who "deserves a medal"? It could be a friend, a neighbour or a relative, a child or an adult. But it must be someone who helps others in some way, with no thought of self or reward, someone who has shown compassion or courage or done something extraordinary for others.

The British Red Cross is making these awards by nominations from the general public.

You can send for details by writing to: - Humanity Awards 2000, British Red Cross, FREE-POST, 9 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1X 7BR

For more information phone The Humanity Awards Hotline on 0800 169 7173

Nominations have to be in by Friday 25 August, so get your application forms soon!

Flat refusal

Last month we reported on the proposed construction of a block of flats at the junction of Park Road and Leslie Road.

David Prince at the planning office has since declared that planning permission has been refused under delegated powers.