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Community Police Contact

East Finchley's Community Police Officer, PC Paul Carter would like to hear from you.

You can call him at the Community Office, Golders Green Station, on 020 8733 5562 or e-mail him at paul.carter@met.police.uk



Carole Ash and her son Freddie

The London Marathon 2001

By Diana Cormack

Sunday 22 April is the day when thousands of "ordinary" people will raise our spirits as they raise money for their chosen charities by completing the course of more than twenty-six miles. The Archer has heard of two East Finchley people who are taking part.

Local mother Carole Ash, of Fallows Close, East Finchley is running on behalf of The Wooden Spoon Society. Rugby fans will know that this refers to the team that comes bottom in the home internationals. Indeed, it all started thanks to an Irish victory over England back in 1983 when a group of despondent English fans, in the wake of yet another defeat, decided to raise their spirits by raising funds for a local school and shocked themselves by collecting an astonishing £8,500.

Since then this "Charity for British Rugby" has spread throughout the world of rugby, raising money to help children and young people with special needs, those who are disabled

and the underprivileged.

Carole has set herself a target of £1000. If you would like to sponsor her, forms are available in the office at Holy Trinity School, Eagan's Close, East Finchley.

For the second year running Chris Costi of Takis Food and Wine Shop is aiming to raise money for the charity "Kith and Kids." Last time he made £1200 for this society, which supports disabled children by focusing on their abilities. Should you wish to help Chris, sponsorship forms are available in the shop at 334 High Road, East Finchley.

If you know of any other locals taking part in this year's London Marathon, please let *The Archer* know.

An Honest Broker

Ray Easter June 1935 – Feb 2001

Readers will be sad to learn of the sudden death of Ray Easter, who was a partner at Prickett and Ellis Tomkins Estate Agents (formerly Bernard Tomkins), East Finchley.

Mr Easter had been with the firm since 1985, but had known Bernard Tomkins for many years previously. He entered the profession in 1955 after completing his National Service with the RAF. A New Southgate boy, he worked in north London and Surrey before moving to East Finchley.

Over the years he built up an extensive knowledge of the business. Colleagues valued the opinion of this straightforward man. Long time friend Peter Byrne, a partner at Prickett and Ellis Tomkins, described him as a fount of knowledge and said that though Ray had reached 65 last June he did not want to retire, just to work less hours. Sadly, Ray died a month before he was due to cut down to two days a week.

Ray leaves a wife, two



Sadly missed - Ray Easter

daughters and a son. His funeral took place at the Islington Crematorium, East Finchley. The vicar made a fitting tribute to Mr Easter when he said, "He was an honest broker."

Grab and smash

At approximately 2.15am Tuesday 20 February the main entrance door to The Alexandra pub in Church Lane, East Finchley was smashed open and a large glass bottle containing charity donations was removed from the bar top.

Publican John Murphy reported that numerous notes of varying denominations were included and estimated the contents in excess of £600.

Later that morning a resident in King Street off Church Lane noticed a quantity of glass and coinage scattered across the roadway and retrieved what she could, including a paper identifying the charity involved. With the assistance of the East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre

the recovered funds, minus notes and large coinage, were returned to The Alexandra.

Computer Skills

The Peabody Trust has been given a £300,000 grant to establish a computer-learning centre at the Green Man Community Centre, Strawberry Vale.

The project, will offer everyone in the community the opportunity to learn computer skills. Call Martin O'Donnell on 8883 4916 for details.