



Elaine, Jan and afternoon nursery children. Photo by Diana Cormack

World Lupus Day

By Diana Cormack

When nursery nurse Elaine Montgomery organised a fundraising event at Holy Trinity School Nursery, she had no idea of how successful it would prove to be. With the help of nursery teacher Jan Wallin, the children were invited to come to school in fancy dress, for which they were sponsored by family and friends.

The symbol for the lupus movement is a butterfly, so Elaine and Jan dressed up appropriately and they also arranged activities that involved butterflies, such as songs, games and making models. The children were given badges to wear and were told about lupus. As Elaine was diagnosed with the disease five years ago, she knows all about it.

But she did not know that the forty-four children from morning and afternoon nursery would raise so much money. At the time of writing she has collected over £400 for

Lupus UK and the money is still coming in!

The secret garden

By Diana Cormack

There was an exciting surprise waiting for the children when they returned to Martin School after the Easter Holidays. The garden in front of Year 5 in the junior school had been transformed!

Unbeknown to staff and pupils, head teacher Maggie Driscoll had been approached the previous term by Peter and Jill from P.J. Landscapes. They wanted to create a



Model from re-cycled material in the seating area.

Photo courtesy of Martin School

garden in which their skills in landscape design could be demonstrated. So they went around the school collecting various materials suitable for their purpose. Things like coat-hooks, benches, ladders and old doors were then cleverly used to great effect. With the addition of pebbles, plants, pots and seating they have made a fantastic feature for Martin School Community to enjoy.

The remodelled area makes a pleasant, peaceful place for outside lessons, which will be even more enjoyable should there be enough sunshine this summer to run the solar-powered water feature!

Martin Schools PTA

SUMMER FUN DAY

Saturday 19th June, 12.00 - 3.00pm
School Field High Road East Finchley

Delicious food, plants, cakes,
 good quality second-hand books,
 toys and clothes, competitions, arts and crafts,
 bouncy castles, face-painting, tombola, entertainment,
and much more. All welcome.

YOUNG ARCHER

Packing them in

By Diana Cormack.

Members of the 4th East Finchley Brownie Pack kept the Brownie motto to "Lend a Hand" when they were raising money for charity recently. With the help of customer service manager Rosie Townsend and other staff members at Budgens, the girls spent their Saturday morning in the store on the High Road.

The Brownies were on hand offering to push customers' trolleys or pack bags at the check out. Contributors to their collection boxes were given a sticker and there were balloons for the children. Since January the girls have been working for their Disabilities Awareness Badge and this was reflected in their chosen charities, which were the Royal National Institute for the Blind, the

Royal National Institute for the Deaf, St Mary's Church Hall and Whizz-Kidz.

They managed to raise over £200, but the Brownies themselves did not go away empty handed, for Rosie gave them an Easter Egg to raffle for their own funds. Well done to all concerned!

Please tell *THE ARCHER* if you know of any young people in our community who are helping others.



Brownie Nadine collecting for charity in Budgen's. Photo by Daniela Antoinette

Ninety years on

This year the Brownies are celebrating their ninetieth birthday! They began as part of the Girl Guides (now called Girl Guiding UK) because girls wanted to have something like the Scouts, which Lord Baden-Powell had organized for boys in 1908.

So, helped by his sister Agnes, he set up a group with similar laws and promises and with much the same training as the Scouts. In fact, in the USA Girl Guides are called Girl Scouts. In Britain, Girl Guiding UK is the largest female youth organisation and around 30% of eight-year-old girls are Brownie Guides.

A Brownie was a Scottish spirit of the home, who was called Robin Goodfellow in England. At night he was supposed to busy himself doing helpful jobs about the house. This explains the Brownie Guide Law, "A Brownie guide thinks of others before herself

and does a good turn every day." Brownies can earn badges for household skills as well as for many other activities and interests.

A special Brownie rose is being launched at this year's Chelsea Flower Show. It has bright yellow petals to symbolise friendship and a light herbal scent. There have been celebration services for local Brownie packs and everyone has been given a 90th anniversary badge.

The 4th East Finchley Brownies meet on Mondays from 5.00-6.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall. For further details phone 8883 5654

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

By Diana Cormack

Martin Schools

London Marathon

This year it was a landmark event, with two praiseworthy medal winners from Martin School! (See back page)

Parent governor Laverne Cosbert also braved the rain and cold to complete the course in a creditable five hours, raising £1,230 for Hope, the charity for homeless people.

Parents' power

A group of parents generously gave their time to clear the school field. They filled countless bin bags with litter and weeds, to make the field a safe and pleasant place for the children.

Breakfast at school

As in previous years, Year 6 children have been able to chat and relax with each other and with staff before taking their SATs tests. Coming into school early to have breakfast prepared by the staff helps the children to feel more confident and happy.

Karaoke night

The PTA's first Karaoke Night was a huge success. The stars of the night proved to be *The Martinettes*, a new singing and dancing sensation created by the junior staff.

Allotment

Infant children are now able to plant their own vegetables in ground prepared by staff members Tracy Hills, Jackie Coghlan, Wendy Diamant and school keeper John Mitchell in their own time.

Holy Trinity

Tag rugby

Tigers and Cubs, the school's mixed tag rugby teams, finished as runners-up and in third place at the first tag rugby festival to be held at Holy Trinity. Robin Jacobs organised the event and trained the teams.

New extension

Work is progressing on the building to house a library and special educational needs area. Further funding has been received which will enable the whole project to be completed by the start of the new academic year.

May Fair

The Holy Trinity School Association's May Fair, run by parents and staff, raised over £3000 for school funds.

Walk to school week

The school took part in this national event, which aims to encourage parents to change their daily routine and leave their cars at home, thereby reducing pollution and congestion.

East Finchley Baptist Church

Just off the High Road in Creighton Avenue N2

Sundays at 11.00 am and 6.30 pm

For more information

please contact the Church Office

Tel: 8883 1544 (Minister: Simon Dyke)

Visitors always welcome

All Saints' Church,

Durham Road, East Finchley
 Church of England

Sunday masses at 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m.

Weekday masses at 10.00 a.m.

Prayer requests are gladly accepted.

The Parish has a flourishing social life.
 Contact the Vicar, Fr Christopher Hardy,
 on 020 8883 9315.

All Saints' also has a strong musical tradition and an enthusiastic choir of both adults and children.

Experienced singers are always welcome.

Contact Geoffrey Hanson on 020 8444 9214.

<http://www.allsaints-eastfinchley.org.uk>