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Barbara Windsor with the charity walkers. Photo by Erini Rodis

Carry on walking for Jack

Actress Barbara Windsor came to East Finchley to start a fundraising walk for little Jack Brown. "I wore my high heels, just in case they asked me to walk too," joked the Carry On and EastEnders star as she saw them on their way from East Finchley tube station to Barnet tube station.

Around 150 adults and children took part in the five-mile trek on Saturday 6 May. As much as £6,000 was raised for Jack, of Bedford Avenue, Barnet, who urgently needs to travel to New York

to get treatment for his rare form of cancer called neuroblastoma.

The response to Jack's plight from the people of Barnet has been so enormous that the family are

hoping they can reach their £200,000 fundraising target in good time. Any money not used to assist Jack will be placed in a fund to help others suffering from this form of the disease.

A summer afternoon for Spike

The Spike Milligan Statue Fund is staging an afternoon of comedy and music for all the family on Sunday 18 June in Avenue House grounds, East End Road, from 3-7pm.

Performers include the Colin Peters Jazz Quartet, Henry van Emden and his big band sound, the Angels of Kaos choir, youngsters from Flash Musicals, and Professor Pip and Joodi. Mill Hill Rotary Club has donated a Fun Train.

The afternoon includes a tribute to Spike Milligan from Barry Cryer, an appearance by Radio London's Jono Coleman, and an auction of items from celebrities, including Tony Blair, Michael Palin, Sir Terry Wogan, Dame Edna Everage, Terry Gilliam and Roger McGough.

Refreshments include alco-

hol, ice creams and a barbecue.

Admission by programmes bought in advance will cost £8 for a family ticket, £4 for an adult and £1 for a child. Prices on the day will be £10, £5 and £2 respectively. Buy your programmes from Tu Destino florists (128 High Road, N2), the Finchley Bookshop (98 Ballards Lane, N3), Harris Fine Art (High Road, N12) and Avenue House reception. Proceeds go to the Spike Milligan Statue Fund.

Further information from David Smith on 020 8883 4154 or 07944 049 250, and from website www.spikestatue.org.uk. Offers of help are welcome.

Marathon manager

By Diana Cormack

As if being run off his feet as assistant manager of The Bald Faced Stag wasn't enough, Ian Pouncett took part in this year's London Marathon and completed the course in a minute less than three and a half hours. Ian, who lives on the premises at 69 High Road, has taken part in the event every other year since the age of 18; this was his fourth marathon and his fastest so far.

Finding the time to train can be a bit of a problem because of his working hours, so sometimes Ian has to do his running well after closing time. However, with the support of customers as well as family and friends Ian was able to raise £600 for the Bobath Centre in East End Road and the Hornsey Trust, both of which care for children with cerebral palsy.

Ian was also instrumental in organising a Family Fun Day on Easter Saturday, for which Stag staff were all in fancy dress. The event was held in aid of the Bobath Centre. Unfortunately the cold weather did not encourage people to participate in the barbecue, but the children enjoyed the bouncy castle, the face painter and the clown who handed out sweets and balloons to passers by as well as to people in the pub. His balloon modelling, card tricks and magic amused the youngsters throughout the day and in the evening the adults were kept equally entertained by the clown's activities.

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Green van makes a move

A green Ford Transit van that was parked on the same spot in Creighton Avenue for a year has finally moved.

Residents had been driven bonkers by the vehicle blocking their parking spots and causing congestion during road works.

It had not moved an inch since May 2005 but the glorious day came on 1 May when the owner, who is believed to live in neighbouring Hertford Road, was forced to move it to make way for workmen carrying out the extensive Creighton Avenue gas repairs.

The green van was last spotted in nearby Church Vale. Let's hope it doesn't become a permanent feature there too.

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