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Budgens' fund razor

By Diana Cormack

Hair flew at High Road supermarket Budgens when staff member Louis Venables set about some serious fundraising.

Brave Louis volunteered for a sponsored head shave and body wax as part of the store's efforts to raise money for local schools.

Armed with an electric razor and a large collection of waxing strips, his colleagues Valerie Francis and Rachael Lund carried out the daunting task. Why Louis? "Because he's the bravest," Rachael told *THE ARCHER*.

After his head had been shaved in the staff room, the waxing process was carried out at the front of the shop near the check-outs, with helpful comments from onlookers.

Although Louis is a former pupil of Martin School, the £180 collected from this "hair-razing" event is to go to Holy Trinity School, which Budgens has chosen as one of its charities for 2006.

Last year, the fundraising efforts of Budgens staff in East Finchley gained them second place out of their top five regional stores. This was achieved by collecting £1,437.19 for their chosen charity Clic, which cares for children with cancer. They also raised £546.11 for the North London Hospice and assisted Sippy Azizollah with her in-store charity fund raising events.

Budgens' staff want ideas for other fundraising activities for local schools. If you have any suggestions, please tell someone at the High Road store or pass them on to *THE ARCHER*. Contact details are on page 2.



Going...
Going...
Gone.

Louis Venables is given the brush off by Rachel Lund and Valerie Francis.

Photos by Diana Cormack



Do you share a Royal birthday?

Were you or anyone you know in East Finchley born on the same day in the same year as the Queen? If so, we'd like to hear from you.

On 21 April the Queen will be celebrating her 80th birthday. She will be spending the day at Windsor Castle where the Prince of Wales will host a family dinner in her honour.

Two days earlier, there will be another celebration in the form of a reception and lunch for people from around the country who share Queen Elizabeth's exact birthday.

If you or any local person you know is reaching their 80th birthday on the same day as the Queen, we would like to hear about it so we can help you celebrate too. Please get in touch by using one of *THE ARCHER* contact details printed at the top of page 2.

A Buckingham Palace spokeswoman said: "This anniversary is not intended to be a mini-jubilee but the Queen's 80th is a landmark personal anniversary. It's right that it should be appropriately celebrated."

So there will also be two services of thanksgiving, one with members of the Royal Family in St George's Chapel, Windsor, on 23 April and a national Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral on 15 June.

Also in June, the Queen will host a birthday garden party at Buckingham Palace for children chosen from all over the United Kingdom.

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