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Joyce Arram, Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator of Summerlee Gardens with the local Safer Neighbourhood Team. Photo by Diana Cormack

Cold calling gets frozen out

By Diana Cormack

A venture between the Metropolitan Police, the Fire Brigade and Neighbourhood Watch to discourage cold callers from knocking at your door could be coming your way. Sponsored by BT, the idea is to put up signs advising those intending to call at your home that they are entering an area where residents do not buy goods or services from uninvited sales people. Paul Hammond of Barnet Borough Watch told *THE ARCHER* that in some areas where the scheme has already started the number of cold callers has dropped dramatically.

Genuine callers will carry an identity card with a photograph and be happy to make an appointment or wait while you phone to confirm their identity, but some people who turn up at your door unannounced may not be so accommodating. There is a chance that they might be distraction burglars hoping to gain entry to your home to steal things or bogus callers ready to rip you off in some underhand way. "No Cold Calling Zones" are intended to empower communities to tackle the issue of

unwanted callers and to provide increased confidence in combating doorstep crime.

Chandos Road, Cherry Tree Road and Summerlee Gardens have been volunteered as the first places in East Finchley to have the signs installed. If your street wants to join in, talk to your Neighbourhood Watch coordinator or contact the East Finchley Safer Neighbourhood Team on 020 8721 2845.

Summer fun at Holy Trinity School

By Claire Mugridge and Caroline Hunt

On Friday 4 May, Holy Trinity School hall was transformed for a fundraising fashion show. Around 100 people packed the hall to applaud the models (a mixture of mums and pupils) as they strutted their stuff on the catwalk, modelling clothes from Per Una, Principles, Gap and other big names. After the show, there was a chance to buy clothes and, with business brisk, several hundreds pounds were raised.

A week later, and despite some unpromising weather, parents, children, staff and local residents were out in force at the Holy Trinity School Summer Fair. With great food, a fancy dress parade, and lots of different stalls and activities - including 'bash the rat', a penalty shootout, and the ever-popular arts corner - the event was a great success raising more than £3,200 for the school, much of which will be used to help fund an update to the school's computing equipment.

The 'Relaxation Zone' - with mini makeovers, nail art, henna 'tattoos' and haircuts from TD Hair Designers - proved hugely popular, but the biggest draw of the afternoon was the infamous stocks. Headteacher Tim Bowden and Year 3 teacher Robin Jacobs were the main men in the firing line and both got a soaking as the children (in the main) queued up to hurl soggy sponges - often from point-blank range!



Headteacher Tim Bowden accepts his punishment



Girl cricketers join up here

Monday night is Colts night at Finchley Cricket Club in East End Road. It is also the night when girls from age five to 13 can receive training for the game in which England's female teams have performed impressively in the past.

You'll be coached by two of the Middlesex Women's Squad, who started playing their cricket at Finchley Cricket Club. You won't be on your own - a group of girls started playing last year - and you don't need any experience, as complete beginners are welcome. For more details contact Dee McLean on 020 7485 3397.

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