



## Team holds successful Fun Day

By Sergeant Lee Benham

On Saturday 13 September, the Safer Neighbourhood Team held a Fun Day at Martin School playing fields. Our aim was to bring the community together at the end of London Peace Week and to raise money for our local charity, The East Finchley Community Trust. The day was a big success, packed with things to do and prizes to be won. Two thousand people came along and we raised just over £300.

### Horses and helicopters

We had a bouncy castle, tombola, raffle and a Name the Teddy Bear competition. We auctioned gifts from local shops and businesses, such as vouchers from Genzo's restaurant, alcohol from Thresher's and sweets from Budgens. Live music was provided by young people from Giggin' Enfield, a partnership between

Enfield Art and Youth Support Services. We had a visit from special friend PCSO Steve, who is very popular with the younger children, and from everyone's favourites the police dogs and horses. Police helicopters India 98 and 99 circled overhead, then hovered and waved at the crowds below.

We would like to give a big thanks to all the people who



made the day such a success: the local businesses who gave us support and sponsorship, the staff of Martin School, the young people and staff from Giggin' Enfield and all the volunteers who helped to set up and run the stalls.

The Safer Neighbourhood office is at 113 East Finchley High Road, N2 8AG. You can phone us on 020 7161 9014 or 07887 632767, email us at East Finchley.snt@met.police.uk or talk to the Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) you see on patrol.



Photo courtesy Safer Neighbourhood Team

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## Volunteer for your wood

As a result of the Big Lottery Breathing places grant, and under the guidance of conservation charity BTCV, restoration work is now taking place in Cherry Tree Wood and will continue over the coming months. The volunteers will be in the Wood from 10am on 5 and 25 November and 9 December. Anyone wanting to help on any of those dates should make themselves known to the person in charge on the day. Stout footwear and gloves are advisable.

This is a great opportunity for us to help preserve our precious local amenity and in return to learn about the conservation of ancient woodland. Further working days are planned for the spring, at which time a bird-box making event will also take place.



Monster vegetable creations. Photo by Adam Castledine

## You can bet on the Muswell Hill Festival

By Adam Castledine

Cherry Tree Wood played host to the 32nd Muswell Hill Festival and Donkey Derby on Sunday 14 September. It may have been a somewhat miserable summer but the treasured park has now been blessed by perhaps the only two days of glorious sunshine that has befallen the capital this year, the other falling, of course, on the day of the East Finchley Festival in June. Residents from both ends of Fortis Green were present in the veritable bacchanal of eating, drinking, betting and suggestions as to which song represented God best. *THIS ARCHER* correspondent voted for *A Whole Lotta Love*.

Of course the revelry was of a jovial community spirit, betting on the outcome of the various Donkey Derby races, for instance, while enjoying some of the fine delights of the various food stalls. Other events that caught the affections of the festival's visitors were the Dog Show, a fabulously well received 'create a vegetable monster' competition and a whole host of main stage entertainment hosted by comedian Andy Franks.

The estimated record attendance helped the trust to a record amount in aid of the Hornsey Trust for children with cerebral palsy. It also showcased the delights and benefits that Cherry Tree Wood offers and its unique capacity in the local area to bring communities together for a now familiarly fabulous day in the park.

It is certainly a more reliable occurrence than the temperamental British weather and my Donkey Derby punt, anyhow.

## Friends of Cherry Tree Wood AGM

By Ian Cormack

On Sunday 21 September, the Friends of Cherry Tree Wood held their AGM by the café, following last year's successful meeting there.

The main news was to report a Lottery grant to be used mainly for coppicing, new signage and protection of species, for which volunteers will be operating in the Wood from 29 October. Barnet's Green Spaces department is now back to strength. Picnic benches for the playground were due to be installed shortly and bins for recycling as well were requested.

The opportunity for questions revealed the usual problems, with the toilets having no supplies and the tennis courts deteriorating, with large puddles being formed. There was a suggestion to make the Wood an alcohol-free zone and for discussions to be opened with the Safer Neighbourhood Team before approaching Barnet about this.

An update from café owner Sally-Anne Wigfield on the proposals regarding the pavilion assured everybody that any new building would use the existing

bases, thus avoiding the need for heavy earth-moving equipment. The café needed to be in sight of the playground and, while deliveries would remain the same, there might need to be a personnel gate formed on the Brompton Grove boundary giving access just to the pavilion.

Fears were expressed for the flowers of the old woodland where Barnet operatives had dumped a load of wood shavings and also about the bluebell area being replanted with daffodils, so more instruction was needed when unfamiliar tradesmen come into the Wood.

About 20 people apart from committee members attended. It was reported with regret that Chairman David Attfield was standing down after sterling work, so any nominations for people willing to assist would be gratefully received. For more information call 020 8883 7544 or visit [www.cherrytreewood.co.uk](http://www.cherrytreewood.co.uk)