



Parking fight goes on

By Diana Cormack

Barnet CPZ Action Group is encouraging residents to write to their MPs about Barnet Council's decision to raise the cost of parking permits. Campaigners feel that the only way elected representatives will be convinced about just how many people are angry over this issue is by hearing from them by post or email.

They believe that the increase in charges from £42 to £100 per year for a first parking permit and from £1 to £4 for each visitor voucher is unlawful, because revenue raised will not be used solely for controlling parking but also for such things as repairing roads in the borough.

At the time of writing, the group's chairman, solicitor David Attfield of Summerlee Avenue, is waiting to hear whether the request for a judicial review submitted to the High Court in April has been successful. A fur-

ther request for a cap to be placed on any legal fees faced by Mr Attfield should the matter go to court and lose, has been opposed by Barnet Council.

The group says donations are still needed towards its fundraising target. Cheques made payable to Barnet CPZ Action can be sent to 88 Summerlee Avenue, East Finchley, N2 9QH, or payment can be made online. Visit <http://barnetcpz.blogspot.com> for details, and visit the group's stall at the East Finchley Festival on 19 June for more information.

Man thrown from motorbike

By Janet Maitland

A man was taken to hospital after his motorbike was in collision with a car on the High Road on the morning of 27 April.

The accident happened outside The Cherry Tree, a shop co-owned by Sue Tollerfield. "I heard a big crash, so I rushed outside and saw a young man thrown from his motorbike lying in the road," said Sue, who called an ambulance. "So many people stopped to help. Some people helped with basic first aid until the ambulance arrived. Others sat talking to him. Someone else helped to sweep the road. There were several eyewitnesses

and they all stayed to help the police when they arrived."

A police spokesman said paramedics treated the 20-year-old man for spinal injuries before taking him to the Royal Free Hospital. An ambulance spokesman said he was conscious, breathing and able to move. His injuries are not thought to be life-threatening or life-changing. Police said that the car was a green Volvo Estate and that it appeared that the driver had no insurance.

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Extra class at Martin

Martin Primary School is to open its doors to an extra Reception class this September in response to the shortage of school places in Barnet.

In a letter to current families at the school informing them of the decision, headteacher Helen Morrison said: "As we are a popular and over-subscribed school in the area, we have been asked to support the borough in providing additional places to resolve this issue. We will therefore be having an additional class of up to 30 pupils in Reception next year so that the pupils who currently have no school place can be offered one."

The additional pupils will be

Save the Rainbows

By Lois Lawrence

The 4th East Finchley Rainbows for girls aged five to seven may have to shut at the end of the summer term if they are unable to find a new leader. Ivana Sharp has run the group until now but she is unable to carry on.

The group, which meets at Holy Trinity Church in Church Lane, is the only Rainbow unit in the whole of East Finchley and is the feeder unit for the very successful associated Brownies and Guides groups. Everyone involved is desperate for someone to take it over.

To be the new leader you don't need to have any background training or knowledge in Girl Guiding, you don't need much experience with working with children and any training that you need will be provided.

Leading a group like this can give you workplace skills, a leadership qualification, training in first aid and will also look great on your CV. To be a leader you must be over 18 and consent to a CRB check, you must have access to email and a phone and you must also be able to attend most weekly meetings during term time.

The Rainbows meet every Thursday evening from 4.20-5.20pm. If you are interested in volunteering then please contact: 4theastfinchleyguides@googlemail.com, where you can also get more details.



Glory days: Claire Newlands sports her gold medal.

Gold medal for champion Claire

By Archie Patch

Claire Newlands may not be the first name that comes to mind when thoughts turn to great British cyclists of recent years but the achievements of this East Finchley resident should not go unnoticed. Claire finished with a gold medal at the Amateur World Track Cycling Championships in Portugal and a snazzy World Champion's jersey to boot.

Claire had always cycled from early childhood but her passion for the sport only crystallised into team membership two and a half years ago when she joined her local team, the Welwyn Wheelers.

Claire's rigorous training regime has been translated into huge success. She also finished in the top 10 for the national time trials, won by Olympic Silver medallist and current world champion Emma Pooley.

Claire reflects on her win in Portugal with fondness and says that when she stepped up on the podium she couldn't stop grinning. "You go all the way to another country for a race that's about two and a half minutes but I was ecstatic," she says. "I just set out with the plan my coach gave me and it all worked out in the end."

Claire Newlands is supported by Bike and Run, whose shop on the corner of Kitchener Road has moved to 128 High Road.



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