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Friends reunited: Isobella and Moo Moo at the station

Isobella and Moo Moo reunited

By John Lawrence

Meet three-year-old Isobella and her constant companion Moo Moo. The two were inseparable until the day Moo Moo was accidentally left on a train at East Finchley station.

As Moo Moo sped off in the direction of High Barnet alone, leaving Isobella on the platform in floods of tears, her parents Adam and Karen Scott thought they'd seen the last of the cuddly cow. However, they hadn't accounted for the caring attitude of London Underground station staff.

Our good guys

As soon as they alerted him, station supervisor Derek

sprang into action and phoned ahead to Finchley Central to halt the train. But as he was on the phone, a light on his console changed from red to green, indicating that the train had already left the station and was on the move again.

Undeterred, he phoned further ahead to West Finchley to inform them of Moo Moo's plight. An anxious wait ensued but, finally, Peter at West

Finchley phoned back to say that Moo Moo was saved and waiting in the ticket office.

Adam said the reunion scene that followed was like something out of Brief Encounter. He said: "We'll never forget the day that we lost Moo Moo. All Londoners have got a tale to tell about grumpy Underground staff but the way the good guys perform their everyday tasks shouldn't go unnoticed just because of the growly ones. Big thanks to Derek and Peter and all the great folk we met that day. They are London's finest."

Stanley Road sports plan up and running

Plans to keep Stanley Road Playing Field for sport and recreation have moved one step nearer to fulfilment. The London Marathon Trust has agreed in principle to support the scheme drawn up by local residents; it will now go forward to Barnet Council in late May with this backing.

Roger Chapman, of Sport EF, the residents' group promoting the scheme, said: "The backing of the London Marathon Trust is a real boost. We have managed to convince this charity that our scheme is viable, sustainable and worthy of support. Now we just need to convince Barnet Council, the site owner, to work with us."

Sport EF hopes Stanley Field will become a central home to football, tag rugby and rugby training, netball, basketball, hockey, Kwik cricket, tennis, baseball, softball and rounders.

Roger added that Sport EF also needs to demonstrate the level of support for this scheme amongst the people of East Finchley. There will be stalls on the High Road in future weeks where people can sign a petition

and fill in a survey.

To find out more about the plans, visit www.stanleyroadsports.org where you can keep up to date with the latest developments and complete the petition and survey online.

Stanley Road Field forever

As part of the campaign to keep the field for sport and leisure, there will be a five-a-side football tournament between Holy Trinity and Martin Primary Schools on Tuesday 24 May from 4-6pm.

With a trophy for the winner and medals for all, this promises to be a fun and friendly event, with VIP visits promised from special sporting guests. Teachers, pupils, parents and general supporters are welcome.

See the full plans for Stanley Road on page 6.

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