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Fears for future of animal clinic

By John Lawrence

Our local RSPCA small animal clinic this year celebrates its 50th birthday but the volunteers who run it are concerned that their charity may not see out its anniversary year without a massive boost in support and some good luck.

Each week, dozens of furry patients are brought to the clinic, which could be described as one of East Finchley's hidden gems, tucked away as it is in Park Road.

But uncertainty over how much Barnet Council is planning to charge them for renting the small building, coupled with a shortage of volunteers for fundraising, means the future is uncertain.

Drop-in clinic on the doorstep

Chairman Ann Lewis explained that the charity running the clinic operates under the RSPCA name but is totally independent and cannot fall back on funding from the national organisation.

"Pet owners in East Finchley are so lucky to have a drop-in clinic like this on their doorstep, there really are very few like it in London, but our costs are rising all the time and we don't have enough volunteers to help us raise all the money we need," she said.

New premises sought

Branch development officer Roger Fargher, the only paid part-time member of the team, revealed that the charity would like to move the clinic wholesale into an empty shop premises, preferably in the High Road, where its veterinary services could run for longer hours alongside a new charity shop.

"We need help of all sorts really," said Roger. "We'd like

to hear from people who can shake collection tins for us, and if anyone can help us find a new home in the area and fit it out that would be fantastic."

Cats and dogs make up 90% of the pets treated by qualified vets at the drop-in clinic, which is open on Monday and Thursday evenings, but all other small pets including rabbits and reptiles are welcome. Services include vaccinations, microchipping, neutering and treatment of minor ailments.

To offer support or find out more, contact the charity on Facebook at RSPCAFinchley, on Twitter @RSPCAFinchley, on email at rogerspca@gmail.com and by phone on 020 8365 3910.



Uncertain future: Ann Lewis at the animal clinic with young patient Chris the cat.

Stanley Field: the crucial next stages

By Daphne Chamberlain

In last month's edition we said we would be looking in more depth at the news that Stanley Field has been sold to The Archer Academy free school. Here we speak to Roger Chapman, the founder of Sport East Finchley.

Roger has been among a group of people who have worked for 12 years to save Stanley Field for community sports use. Recently he led the negotiations with three property developers who Barnet had instructed to talk to Sport East Finchley about a possible mixed development of housing and community use on the site.

At a public meeting held by Sport EF last year, it seemed that 50% of Stanley Field was the most that East Finchley could hope for from housing developers. Roger told us: "Sport EF reached an impasse with commercial developers, and by the autumn Barnet were pressing for a decision. We had been sent away to negotiate with the housing developers, and this is what we did. But the Cabinet

decision did not explicitly rule out other possibilities if they arose. Then the Academy came on the scene and offered much better prospects for community involvement and playing field provision."

Roger is also on the board of governors of the new Academy, but has stated publicly

that his primary concern is to ensure community use of Stanley Field. Conditional to the sale of the site is a legal agreement between Sport EF and the Academy (suggested by themselves) to ensure perpetual community use.

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