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Only a pound?

An event recently reported to *THE ARCHER* could be yet another way of getting money out of kindhearted people.

A thin girl with long red hair approached our informant on East End Road. She appeared to be distressed and said that her car had run out of petrol. She asked for a pound to buy petrol at the garage "up there," indicating in two different directions. She did not have a handbag or car keys in evidence, nor anything in which to carry petrol. She said that she had left her baby in the car.

Although she could not see the car, our reader felt sorry for the girl and gave her the money. After all, it was just a pound. Only later did she think that, if the girl pulled the same trick on a hundred like-minded people, she would soon have a tidy sum of money. We hope she was telling the truth, but do please let *THE ARCHER* know if you have been approached.

New York Marathon

By Diana Cormack

On Sunday 3 November Martin Sutherland will be running 26.2 miles through New York to raise money for people, some of whom can't even walk, never mind run.

He is supporting the charity *Get Kids Going!* which provides personalised wheelchairs, trikes and other mobility aids to enable disabled youngsters to go to school and college and, more importantly, to become independent. It also provides sports wheelchairs so that they can take part in marathons, athletics, rugby, tennis, skiing and many other sports. On average a child's trike costs £800 and a sports wheelchair £3,000.

Get kids going!

Not only does the charity supply disabled children and young people with desperately needed equipment but it also gives them a life of their own and an interest and participation in sport. *Get Kids Going!* also helps to provide occupational ther-

apists, sports training physiotherapy, travel to sporting events and design of sports wheelchairs with the aim of helping British youngsters to success in their sporting endeavours.

There are over 200,000 disabled young people in Britain who need the help of *Get Kids Going!* whose president is Sebastian Coe OBE and vice-president is Tanni Grey-Thompson OBE. A further 20,000 require sports wheelchairs to compete in summer and winter sports.

Best of three?

This will be Martin's third marathon. In the last two London Marathons he ran in aid of the Notting Hill Housing Trust. Martin wants to raise as much money as he can and he will be telling *ARCHER* readers how he got on in our December edition. To pledge a donation you can

phone him on 020 8442 1808 or fax him on 020 8459 4117. Cheques should be made out to *Get Kids Going!* and sent to Martin Sutherland, 12 Sycamore House, King Street, East Finchley, London N2.



New York marathon runner. Photo by John Dearing

November Festivals

The rather strange and somewhat scary festival of Halloween is closely followed by two very important festivals for our Muslim and Hindu readers.

Early November sees the start of Ramadan, the ninth month of the Muslim Calendar. It is a month of fasting during the daylight hours and only small meals are consumed in the evening. It is a time for contemplation and friends and

family; a time when community ties are strengthened.

It is also the time of the Hindu Festival of Divali, often known as the festival of lights. During this time windows are open and candles and lamps are lit to welcome Lakshmi, the Hindu goddess of wealth. Gifts are exchanged and magnificent meals are prepared as Hindus celebrate Divali. Look out for reports on both these festivals in future *ARCHERS*.

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