



Urgent call for foster homes for cats and kittens

By David Melsome

The RSPCA is appealing for people in East Finchley to provide foster care for cats and kittens as they wait to be found permanent homes.

By providing a temporary loving environment, you will play a crucial role in a cat's well-being and socialisation, which will significantly improve their chances of successful rehoming, says the charity.

Foster carers are fully supported through the fostering process and provided with all the necessary equipment, food, and veterinary care for the cats they take in.

cat or kitten to any required veterinary appointments, though usually the RSPCA team will do this.

"Mostly, we ask that foster carers provide their time and patience. Playing and cuddles are a must. And it helps if they can spread the word about the cats in their care so they might find their forever home more quickly," says the team.



Kitten heels: The RSPCA is looking for foster parents for cats of all ages.

"We are particularly looking for fosterers for nursing mums and kittens," says the Finchley RSPCA team. "This can be very demanding and there is a lot of cleaning, feeding and playing involved. We are always looking for cat fosterers for single cats or pairs too."

What is involved

While cats are in your foster care, you will be required to provide them with care, suitable housing and a safe environment following policies and guidelines. Any existing pets/animals in your home need to have been spayed/neutered.

You will maintain regular contact with the RSPCA's animal welfare officers and you may be asked to transport your

Right person, right home

The RSPCA is particularly keen to hear from volunteers aged 18 or over with plenty of experience caring for cats. Fostering experience is beneficial but not essential as guidance and support are provided.

Some cats are ready for rehoming, but others may require rehabilitation or ongoing medication, so the charity will be sure to understand your situation and circumstances to ensure that it matches you with the perfect foster cat.

To apply, please email awo@rspcafinchley.org.uk. Cat fostering roles are subject to a home check and you will also be asked to provide contact referees and to sign a fostering agreement.



Goal mouth action: Wingate & Finchley, in blue, on the attack against Hornchurch FC.

Wingate & Finchley build their season

By Dom Hogan

Following a tumultuous start to the football season, Wingate & Finchley find themselves in 16th spot in the Isthmian Premier Division after 13 games, providing the Blues with a stable foundation to build their season on.

After winning just one of their first four games early in the season, Wingate strung together a brilliant run of results, losing just one league game in September, beating promotion hopefuls Kingstonian 3-1 at home, courtesy of goals from Samuel Hatton and the club's top scorer Bilal Sayoud.

Blues beat champions

However, the highlight of the season so far undoubtedly came in the Third Qualifying Round of the Buildabase FA Trophy, when the Blues welcomed reigning champions Hornchurch FC to the Maurice Rebak Stadium.

Wingate opened the scoring against the run of play after Sayoud curled home a left-footed strike into the bottom corner on 16 minutes, before Hornchurch equalised just 10 minutes later.

With neither side able to break the deadlock in a tense second half, penalties were required to separate the two sides, and goalkeeper Ben Goode's shootout heroics ensured Wingate would be in the hat for the first round of the

FA Trophy.

Having knocked out the holders, the Blues sadly were unable to reach the second round, after losing 1-0 away to Hanwell Town in November, but will undoubtedly be proud of their achievements in reaching the first round proper. They look forward to a busy December.

Special offer

To help fans get in the festive

spirit, Wingate & Finchley are offering half price tickets for the first home game in December that readers bring this article to (Maurice Rebak Stadium, Summers Lane, N12 0PD). A local derby against Haringey Borough coming up on 27 December promises to be a fantastic game. Visit the club's website for more information at www.wingatefinchley.com.



Lookalike: Tina Turner tribute act at the Stag.

Tina Turner spotted in N2

By Lynn Winton

Well, not quite, but simply the best Tina Turner tribute act at The Bald Faced Stag, with a percentage of ticket sales donated to Macmillan Nurses.

New pub manager Louise Fawcett has booked a whole programme of music events including jazz nights, and tribute acts to Michael Buble, Frank Sinatra and Stevie Nicks.

Bookings and the constantly

updated programme can be found at www.thebaldfacedstagn2.co.uk or for further details or party bookings call Louise on 020 8442 1201. Maybe you have some suggestions of your own too... she'd be pleased to hear them.

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