

## THE MALL EDGWARE CARES *by Ray Levy*

The London Taxidriviers' Fund for Underprivileged Children have had their funds boosted thanks to a week long campaign at The Mall Edgware shopping centre, the centre having chosen the LTFUC as its 'Mall Cares' charity. Live performances by award-winning dance group the Flash Angels (Boogie Woogie Sony UK Bollywood Champions) were the culmination of the campaign, which ran from May 29 to June 2.



Throughout the week LTFUC volunteers were present to run a lucky dip and sell popcorn and candyfloss and tickets for a prize raffle. A balloonist and face-painter from Children's Parties with Zako also entertained visitors. Angela Greenlees, General Manager of The Mall Edgware said: "One of the greatest strengths of The London Taxidriviers' Fund for Underprivileged Children is that it concentrates on supporting local and London



children while keeping its running costs to a minimum. We are delighted by the response to our week-long programme of activities and know that the money that our visitors donated will help to make a real difference to the quality of life of children who truly deserve our help."

The following companies donated raffle prizes:

PC World (Staples Corner), Curry's Digital (Holborn), Woolworths (Head Office), Stephanie Moses of the Cake Group, Locanda Florio Ristorante Italiano (Edgware), Marks & Spencer (Edgware), Boots (Edgware), Superdrug (Edgware), Sainsbury's (Edgware), WH Smith (Edgware) and Hamleys.

The London Taxidriviers' Fund for Underprivileged Children are extremely grateful to all those who supported us, including The Mall Edgware, our loyal supporters the Flash Angels (Terry Revill) and those companies and organisations who donated raffle prizes. However, special thanks must go to Dina Mistry, the Edgware Mall's Marketing Manager, for all her help, support and hard work in making the week possible. 'Mall Cares' week was a great success and we are deeply grateful to all involved.

## HEATH ROBINSON'S HELPFUL SOLUTIONS

5 July – 7 October 2007 at  
THE CARTOON MUSEUM  
35 Little Russell Street  
London WC1A 2HH  
info@cartoonmuseum.org  
www.cartoonmuseum.org  
Open: Tues – Sat, 10.30 – 17.30;  
Sun 12 – 17.30  
Admission: Adults £4, Conc. £3,  
Free to Under 18s and students



'I really have a secret satisfaction in being considered rather mad, when, actually, I am playing the part of an Artist who strains, with all his powers, to suggest the absolute conviction, logic and solid reality of the things he portrays.' William Heath Robinson

Heath Robinson's Helpful Solutions is the largest exhibition of William Heath Robinson's (1872-1844) humorous drawings for 15 years. It includes over 100 original drawings and sketches by the man who is one of the few artists whose name has entered the Oxford English Dictionary to signify 'any absurdly ingenious and impracticable device'. This exhibition displays many of the quirky, absurd and ingenious solutions that Heath Robinson



developed to assist his earnest cast of characters. A top-hatted gentleman in his long-johns carries out a precarious rescue of a damsel in distress, an engine driver stops to assist a stranded eel, a new method is devised for stuffing a turkey and a novel system proposed for testing

mattresses: no matter how perilous or tricky the problem Heath Robinson could be sure to offer a helpful solution.

The exhibition is accompanied by a 144 page catalogue with text by Simon Heneage  
Price £14.95.



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## NEW ROAD SURFACE TREATMENT FOR POTHOLES

Online highway maintenance campaigner, Potholes.co.uk, has welcomed the government's endorsement of a new road surface preservation treatment. However it warns potholes will not suddenly disappear as a result. The Highways Agency has agreed to start using an asphalt preservative, designed by road maintenance experts ASI Solutions to work as an anti-ageing product to stop the condition of road surfaces across the UK deteriorating any further.

Potholes.co.uk spokesperson, Amanda Allen, says this will merely avoid things getting any worse, rather than making things better. "On roads where damage already exists, a preservative is not going to make any difference," she explained. "The new product will be great for safeguarding undamaged roads against falling into disrepair, but the government has a 10-year

backlog of repairs to catch up on, and the 'patch and mend' mentality that currently exists as far as highway maintenance is concerned still needs to be changed."

This year's ALARM report on highway maintenance and repair revealed that £33 million was spent on filling 589,000 potholes in the last 12 months. This compares with an estimated bill of £320 million stumped up by the UK's motorists to repair vehicles damaged by potholes according to research by independent warranty provider, Warranty Direct.

