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Finchley's Birthday Tribute

By Sonia Singham

On Wednesday 19 July 2000, all the planning and organisation of the Queen Mother's 100th birthday celebration resulted in a magnificent display in Horse Guards Parade.

Once again, music played a great part in making the pageant the success it was. Children from Finchley will always remember their contribution towards this memorable spectacle.

On Wings of Song

Twelve-year-old Dominic Kraemer of the Finchley Children's Music Group was chosen to sing, for 12,500 guests, "Oh for the Wings of a Dove" as a hundred white doves were released.

Other children from the Finchley Children's Music Group took part in the cavalcade. The 160 children in the procession included pupils from Moss Hall Junior School and Christ's College. They depicted events of the past hundred years, a colourful tableau which demonstrated the

rich cultural heritage and ethnic mix found in London.

Making Music

Special mention should be made of the assistant director of the pageant, Joan Lane, who lives in Finchley and who has been connected with the Finchley Children's Music Group for the past 20 years.

The Group is funded by subscriptions and, in its 42-year-old history, has only received one grant from the John Lyon Foundation (and this expires at the end of this year). The suc-

cess of this group is a tribute to the many who make it possible for music to remain high on the agenda for children from the age of six years upwards.

How gratifying it is to know that in Finchley there are so many talented youngsters (and adults) who value the importance of music. May they continue to be supported in bringing so much pleasure to a wide audience.

Enquiries about the Finchley Children's Music Group can be made on 020 8343 3847.



Puppy in the Park!

When Eileen Cannon, who runs the cafe in Cherry Tree Woods, found that her golden retriever, Bran, was expecting puppies that was exactly what she thought Bran was expecting; puppies. When Bran gave birth on 27 June Eileen got a surprise, because there was only one puppy!

This is the first time in 25 years that a retriever has only given birth to one puppy. As yet the puppy, who is male, does not have a name, but he is sure of his mother's undivided attention.

Eileen will be having a dog show at the cafe on 20 August, so anyone who wants to see the new arrival should be there.

Garage Robbery

Two men entered the Texaco Garage, Cherry Tree Hill Service Station, Great North Road, on Sunday 16 July at approximately 11.20 pm.

The first male entered the shop and produced a large 12" knife with which he threatened the 26-year-old cashier. The cashier was forced to the back of the shop where the suspects demanded he open the till and safe. The victim tried to grab the knife from the first male, sustaining a cut to his hand. The second suspect punched the victim in the face, and shut him in the rear room. Both suspects then decamped taking with them £210 cash, National Lottery Scratch Cards, 40 pay as you go airtime phone cards valued at £400, and a £90 Siemens mobile phone belonging to the cashier.

Suspect 1 was described as

male, white, 26-years-old, 6 feet tall, thin build, dark brown greying hair, blue eyes, London accent, wearing Levis jean jacket, yellow nylon hood, dark blue jeans, orange trainers, black gloves.

Suspect 2 was described as male, black, 25-years-old, 6 feet tall, athletic build, short black afro hair, brown eyes, London accent, wearing a dark yellow jumper with brown band across the chest, blue jeans, black gloves, yellow nylon hood and believed to walk with a stoop. He was also armed with a knife.

Any witnesses or anyone with further information please contact DC John Isaacs, 020 8733 4535, Colindale Police Station.

Gun Law

A 25-year-old male from Strawberry Vale Estate was mugged at gunpoint on Sunday 16 July on High Road N2 at the A406 flyover.

The victim was walking over the flyover when a red or maroon, new-shape Ford Fiesta pulled alongside him as he passed the bus stop. The front seat passenger beckoned the victim over, asking him if he knew where the WAG club was. The suspect then pointed a gun at him and said "give me your money". The victim turned to run behind the bus shelter but slipped and cut his hand. The vehicle sped off towards Tally Ho.

Close shave

The suspect was described as male, black, 25 years old, shaven headed, wearing a dark jacket. There were four other occupants in the car, all believed to be black males. Any witnesses to this event or anyone having further information please contact DC John Isaacs on 020 8733 4535 at Colindale Police Station.

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