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The milkfloat at the centre of the attack in Leslie Road. Photo by Martin Earl

Attack on Milkman

By Martin Earl

At about 11.00 am on Monday morning 2 April a milk float was attacked with stones and bricks while it was delivering milk in Leslie Road.

The windscreen of the cab was smashed and the driver needed nine stitches in his arm and suffered bruising to his neck, leg and shoulder. Another milkman who came to remove the float cut his hand on the glass.

In the attack the windows of two parked cars and a house were also broken. An off-duty policeman living nearby came out to confront the attackers and local residents called the police who arrived very quickly. After a chase they caught the four local boys who had allegedly caused all the damage.

French stick-up

A man pretending to be French robbed a shop on the corner of Long Lane and Church Lane at knifepoint, taking about £100.

According to the police, at about 4.25 pm on Wednesday, 21 March the thief bought some sweets in the shop. He then asked for a copy of *Le Monde*, a French newspaper, explaining that he was French.

He then produced a 10" black-handled knife and raided

the till before escaping along Church Lane.

The thief was described as an 18 year-old black male wearing a hooded fleece and with no trace of a French accent. Anyone with any information should contact DS Mandy Thornhill on 020 8733 4552.

The Conning Continues

By Diana Cormack

Yet another con merchant has been trawling the streets of East Finchley. He too calls at odd hours during the early morning or late at night and pretends to be known locally. People in Chandos Road were pestered by him, saying that he lived in the road, but had locked himself out and needed money to take a taxi to a friend's house.

He was very plausible. However, one *Archer* reader had the sense to ask for his house number. The man answered with a number, but pointed the wrong way up

the road! She then challenged him and, after protesting his innocence, he ran away. When the incident was reported to the police, it emerged that it was only one of many in the area.

Con brio

The man is described as being black, about 5'9" tall and wearing Nike sports clothing. This sort of incident is being reported so often that the best advice is not to open your door to strangers. But if you do and you are asked for money, do not give any and report the matter to the police.

Local man charged

A 25-year-old East Finchley man has been charged with the murder of Gary Osborne, who was stabbed to death on Grahame Park Estate, Hendon, last month.

Christian Mayer, of Middleton House, The Grange, charged with the murder on 9 April, appeared at Hendon Magistrates Court on 14 April and was remanded in custody.

A Run for Your Money

By Diana Cormack

Congratulations to Carole Ash of Fallows Close, East Finchley who successfully completed the London Marathon course.

Youngsters with special needs who are helped by The Wooden Spoon Society will benefit from the many hundreds of pounds which Carole raised. Despite being unwell in the run up to the event, she was determined to do it, and finished in a time of five hours. Six-year-old son Freddie was proudly waiting for her at the finish.

Carole says that she found it hard and will definitely not be taking part again but will stick to her usual half marathons, which she runs every couple of weeks!

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