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To maximise the chance of publication, all contributors are urged to submit their articles early the preceding month:

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The scene of the robbery. Photo by Femke van Iperen

## Armed Robbery

By Femke van Iperen

**Local shop owners fear that crime is spreading in the area. On Tuesday, 23 July, an armed robbery took place in East End Road, in the quieter part of East Finchley.**

At about 6.15 pm the Thresher Wine shop at 119 East End Road was robbed of around £160 and a load of cigarette boxes by two hooded and masked youths. One of the managers of the shop was in the back when she found, to her surprise, two men who had crept in. The door-buzzer had made no noise as it usually does. The men, wearing scarves in front of their faces, immediately threatened her and one held a chisel to her throat. Several minutes later the police arrived in time to arrest one of them - the other had managed to escape. Some of their action was recorded on CCTV, currently with the police for inspection.

Neighbouring shops said they had not noticed anything unusual until the police showed up. A local by-passer commented heatedly: "I was born

in Market Place myself. I cannot believe this; it's horrendous. It would never have happened years ago."

One of the Deputy Managers of the shop commented that the area had not had problems before. She thinks it all started towards the end of last year, and over the last three months two other shops in this area have been broken into and robbed.

So far, a 28-year old male has been arrested. The other 16-year-old male suspect has been described as black, 5ft 5ins in height and of thin build. He was wearing a black, hooded top and a black scarf around his face. Further investigations are being carried out.

Any witnesses to the robbery are asked to contact Detective Sergeant Tony Caetano on 020 8733 5823.

## Daylight Robberies

**Police are appealing for witnesses to two armed robberies on post offices on 9 July.**

The first was at about 12.30pm at 172 Cricklewood Lane, NW2. Approximately £30 was stolen and the two suspects then made off on foot.

The second was at 591 High Road, North Finchley, N12 at about 3pm - but staff activated the alarm and the two suspects left without anything, decamping in what is believed to be a large green saloon car that headed south down the High Road.

The suspects are believed to be the same for both crimes: two black men wearing green or grey balaclavas and carrying a small, black handgun. No shots were fired.

Any witnesses to either of these robberies are asked to contact the Flying Squad at Finchley on 020 8733 5751 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## Crash Scooter Stolen

By Daphne Chamberlain

**Police called to the scene of an accident on the High Road on 21 July found that a vital piece of evidence had disappeared.**

The Accident Investigation Unit told THE ARCHER that a witness reported seeing a motor-scooter driven off the pavement on to the road, at which point the rider lost control, crashing into a parked car. The rider fell off and the scooter then hit another car.

When police arrived, the scooter had been removed. It was later recovered, and was found to have been stolen. It



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### Immigration Advice.

Tuesdays: 7pm - 8pm by appointment only.

### Legal Advice.

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### Councillors' Surgery.

Saturdays: 10am - 11.30am

You can contact  
**East Finchley's Community Police Officer, PC Paul Carter, at The Community Office, Golders Green Station, Tel: 020 8733 5562 or e-mail: paul.carter@met.police.uk**

## Stabbing Spree

**Two men were stabbed and two more injured trying to stop a suspected shoplifter in North Finchley on the morning of 15 July.**

The manager of Jake's Menswear, High Road, N12, was stabbed in the stomach when he challenged a man who had left the premises, allegedly wearing an unpaid for suit.

The suspect was then chased by members of the public for about 200 yards down the High Road, before being confronted by a uniformed policeman, PC Steve McGoff.

PC, McGoff, 40, was stabbed and slashed in the chest and left arm while arresting the suspect. Two off duty Territorial Support Group police constables who assisted in the arrest also received minor injuries.

Both stabbing victims were taken to Barnet General Hospital, where their injuries are not believed to be life threatening.

The 22-year-old suspect is now under arrest and is currently at a North West London Police Station.

had a false number plate.

### Life threatening

Because paramedics believed at the time that the rider's head injury could be fatal, the police cordoned off the area, in front of Willow Walk on the Grange Estate, for several hours to carry out necessary investigations. As it happened, the rider recovered, and was discharged from hospital the following day.