



# Send a card to Jack

By Betti Blatman

After six-year-old Jack Brown's recent return from New York where he courageously battled through 11 months of radical treatment for Neuroblastoma, a rare form of cancer which only affects children, his family received the devastating news that his cancer had returned in multiple areas: legs, knees, thighs, pelvis, hip and shoulder.

Jack, who lives in Barnet, continues to receive chemotherapy and radiotherapy at University College Hospital but he has developed pneumonia and is very poorly. His mother Yvonne and the rest of the family are asking people to send him messages of good luck to cheer him up. He's already received more than 100 and his enthusiastic smile as he rips open the envelopes says it all.

If you would like to send a card to Jack, please post it to: Jack Brown, c/o Jack Brown Appeal, 2 Simple Software, Enterprise House, 2 The Crest, Hendon,

London NW4 2HN. For further updates on Jack you can check [www.jackbrownappeal.org](http://www.jackbrownappeal.org).

Yvonne aims to set up a new fundraising website to bring a researcher to University College Hospital to work on targeted therapy for Neuroblastoma. The cost for a senior researcher for a three-year period is £250,000, which Yvonne advises is more than achievable. She is looking for someone to help with the website design and maintenance on a 'pro bona' basis. Yvonne can be contacted by email at [londonderryair@gmail.com](mailto:londonderryair@gmail.com).

# Hijacked in Hendon Lane

On Saturday 3 November at about 6.30pm a 57-year-old man was driving his BMW along Regents Park Road. He made a purchase at the Total garage and then drove along Allandale Avenue towards Hendon Lane. As he approached the junction of Hendon Lane his vehicle was bumped from the rear by a small grey vehicle.

He got out of his car and went to the rear to check for damage. Inside the suspect vehicle there were four or five men, one of whom got out and asked him if he had insurance. He was then charged by this man and pushed to the ground. When he fell he hit his head causing a bump to the back of his head.

The thief then got into the victim's car and made off towards the direction of the A41. In the vehicle were his mobile phone and some personal documents.

The suspect who knocked the victim to the ground and stole the car is described as a black male, in his late 20s to early 30s, about 6ft in height. The driver of the grey car is described as a white male, in his late 20s to 30s.

PC Pat Dunne of Barnet Robbery Squad said: "This was a vicious crime on a law abiding

unwitting member of the community, who acted in good faith at the scene of an accident and has now been deprived of his car by these thieves."

If you witnessed this crime or have any information about this robbery please contact Barnet Police on 020 8733 4548 quoting ref 2426248/07.

# Baker's Autos going strong

Baker's Autos continues to trade at 2 Lewis Gardens.

The business is now run by friends of the previous owners Dick and Jean Baker, who retired earlier this year after 26 years in East Finchley (see *THE ARCHER* May 2007). Servicing, repairs, MOTs, etc are carried out for all makes and models. Phone 020 8883 8001 for further details.

# Stanley Field campaign will not fade away

By Daphne Chamberlain

Local campaigners are keeping Stanley Field in the public eye with a leaflet blitz, and support has already come from East Finchley's popular youth club.

The leaflet campaign is organised by the Finchley Community Development Trust, with the backing of MP Rudi Vis and all our local councillors. The campaign reminds local people that the Trust and other community groups have drawn up plans for the whole site to be used for recreation by residents of all ages, but that Barnet Council is offering them only one third of the field, proposing to sell the remaining two thirds for housing.

## Save open spaces

Describing himself as "an angry citizen", campaigner Robert Simon says that you can see the consequences of all the land given over to housing development in other parts of London, where young children have more than 15 minutes walk to their nearest playground.

"Where common spaces exist already, they need to be preserved. Stanley Field is the only open space for common use in our area of East Finchley. Our local playground at Market Place is often filled up with teenagers playing football, because they have no better place in the area to go," he said. Robert believes that the total amount of money gained from the sale of the land would be only about two per cent or less of yearly tax revenues for the borough of Barnet.

## Expanding needs

Maureen Clemetson, co-organiser of the Monday Club for nine to 15-year-olds, told *THE ARCHER*: "Our club started two years ago and it's growing by the week. We now have 183



Rudi Vis MP, Cllr Colin Rogers, and campaigners Harriet Copperman and Robert Simon at Stanley Field. Photograph by Roger Chapman

registered members. At present we meet in the annexe of St Mary's Catholic Church, but I strongly believe that we need somewhere like Stanley Field, along with a centre there for all the community, to replace the Herbert Wilmott Centre, which was pulled down.

"We need facilities like a

dance room, a drama room, a sports field with floodlights. We need a place of happy faces, welcoming all the people of East Finchley."

For details of the Monday Club, contact Maureen on 07931 586740. Call Rob Robinson on 020 8883 4916 about the leaflet campaign, or visit Stanley Field around 12 noon on Saturdays. You can also make your views known to Barnet Council Leader Mike Freer on [cldr.m.freer@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:cldr.m.freer@barnet.gov.uk).

# Friends wanted Keeping in Touch, a new telephone befriending service, requires both volunteers and clients.

The service is run by RSVP, the borough's organisation for volunteers of senior citizen age, which also runs regular outings and a telephone book club. Please contact Katie on 020 8445 2780 for further details.

# Boris on the bus

Two elderly ladies were overheard on a 263 bus:

First lady: "What do you think of this Mayor of London election, then?"

Second lady: "I'm not voting for that Ken Livingstone."

First lady: "Who're you voting for then?"

Second lady: "I'm voting for that nice Boris Yeltsin."

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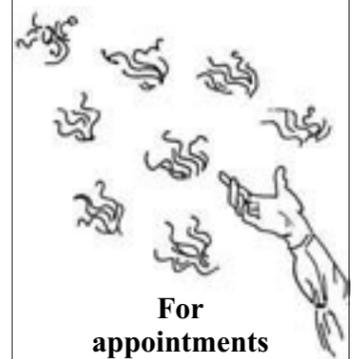
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