



Man stabbed in road rage attack

By Janet Maitland

Police are appealing for witnesses after a man was stabbed on the North Circular Road in what appears to have been an extreme example of road rage.

The attack occurred at about 8am on Wednesday 27 October, following a driving altercation that took place along the North Circular between Station Road and Fallosen Road. A traffic jam then caused both vehicles, a black BMW and a blue Ford van, to stop just before the underpass that goes underneath East End Road.

At this point a struggle took place and one of the drivers was injured with a weapon. A 38-year-old man received a head wound and was treated at a local hospital. He was discharged

later that day.

"We are very keen to speak to anyone who might remember seeing the vehicles prior to the assault or who saw the actual confrontation between the two male drivers," said Detective Constable Mark Bennett of Barnet CID. "Anyone who contacts us can be assured it will be in complete confidence."

If you have any information contact DC Bennett on 020 8733 4435 or ring Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 and quote reference number 2425818/10.

History is king at the farmhouse

By Daphne Chamberlain

There's an East Finchley influence at the Church Farmhouse Museum this month. The current exhibitions feature the Phoenix and the Regicides. The Regicides were the men who signed King Charles I's death warrant and the most famous was Oliver Cromwell, whose son Richard lived for many years in East Finchley. That may be a tenuous connection, but the Phoenix is indisputably ours.

The exhibition celebrates the cinema's centenary. On display are photographs, film posters, and ushers' and usherettes' uniforms from the 1920s. You can also watch a 1930s film report of a premiere at Muswell Hill Odeon, and study pictures of many other cinemas scattered around Finchley and Muswell Hill in the first half of the 20th century.

The old farmhouse itself is always worth a visit. Some people go there regularly, just for the pleasure of wandering

round the house. At the top of Greyhound Hill, in the Burroughs area of Hendon, it is just off the 143 bus route.

The Phoenix exhibition runs until 3 January, and the Regicides until 9 January. The Church Farmhouse Museum is open Monday to Thursday, 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm; Saturday 10am-1pm and 2pm-5.30pm; Sunday 2pm-5.30pm. Admission is free. For more information, call 020 8359 3942 or visit www.churchfarmhousemuseum.co.uk.



Spruce up for station

By Betti Blatman

On Sunday 31 October, seven of East Finchley's guerrilla gardeners arrived at the bank of land alongside the tube station for an autumn clear-out. They did quite a lot of weeding, harvested some butternut squash and kale, and planted many bulbs and other donated plants.

The weather was very disappointing and some supporters may have been put off attending. Due to the threatening rain, the Halloween barbecue feast was cancelled but cups of tea and raspberry

cake were served instead.

The guerrilla gardeners' message is that anyone who feels like taking care of a neglected patch of ground can do so, and they will act as a network for putting people in

touch and helping each other where possible. Contact: n2gardeners@gmail.com

Dismount for Olympic cycle route

Cycling fans hoping to watch Olympic champions riding up The Bishops Avenue in 2012 are to be disappointed after the London 2012 Organising Committee (LOCOG) removed Barnet from its Olympic road cycling routes.

Originally designed to include Hampstead, near to the Spaniard's Inn, and The Bishops Avenue, the course has now been altered to exclude Barnet after being described as 'not technically feasible'. Games officials argued that Barnet's section would cause an 'acute impact on transport' and have an 'unacceptable effect' on residential areas and the operation of London's roads.

Barnet Council said it was bitterly disappointed, particularly considering that Barnet residents had contributed financially to the Games.

Call to extend yellow lines at busy junction

By Daphne Chamberlain

A letter in last month's issue highlighted the need to contain traffic flow at the junction of Creighton Avenue and the High Road. David Melsome drew attention to the difficulty of exiting Creighton Avenue as a driver, and to the inappropriate speed and lack of care of some drivers.

This junction is known to be dangerous for pedestrians, and some drivers are not happy with the road markings in Creighton Avenue near the junction.

When the pavement in Creighton Avenue was widened recently, the Highways Department did not continue the double yellow lines from the corner, past the central island to the end of the extended pavement.

Plea to Council

Local resident John Hajdu told *THE ARCHER*: "As a result cars often park here making it dangerous for drivers approaching the junction as they have to swing out, often into the oncoming traffic. On behalf of members of the Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association can I plead with the Council to extend the double yellow lines to the end of the widened pavement section and so correct this omission?" He added that cars are often seen parking on the widened pavements.

A Barnet Council spokesperson told us: "Barnet Council has recently reviewed the junction of High Road and Creighton Avenue following concerns from residents that the double yellow lines did not extend far enough to prevent parked cars partially blocking the road. At this time the Council is not considering extending the yellow lines as vehicles were not seen to cause an obstruction; however we will continue to monitor the junction."

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