



Police reward to trace abduction suspect

By Janet Maitland

Police are offering a reward to try and trace the man who attempted to abduct a child in Avenue House Park on East End Road. Up to £10,000 is available for information leading to his identification, arrest and prosecution.

The incident happened at about 4.30pm on 12 June. An eight-year-old boy had been taken to the park by his mother to play with friends. While playing he became separated from his mother and was approached by a man who grabbed his arm and started to drag him away.

Luckily the approach of a runner, who has been traced by the police and who was not aware that anything had happened, startled the man who released the boy and ran off.

The man is described as white, 30-40 years old, average build, 5'6"-5'10" tall, clean-shaven and with dark short hair. He was wearing a short denim-like jacket with a hooded red top underneath and dark trousers.

The father of the boy has

released this message: "My son was shaken for ten days, but has now managed to get over it. But with a man like this, acting this way in a park, where kids go to play! I sincerely hope this investigation proves fruitful. The concern is the man is still out there and could be a danger to other children."

"I ask anyone who thinks they might know this man to contact us," said DC Mark Wand of Barnet CID. "I can assure the public that, if they do have suspicions about someone they know, all police enquiries will be thorough and discreet."

If you can help, contact DC Mark Wand on 020 8733 5854 or, if you want to remain anonymous, ring 0800 555 111. Quote reference number 2413984/10.



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Special cake for ARCHER deliverers

An Archie cake really hit the mark when the ARCHER team hosted its annual thank you party for all the distributors who give up their time to deliver the paper to nearly 10,000 homes and businesses across East Finchley each month.

The edible look-alike was the creation of Adam Cox of Top My Cake, a new business based in Crouch End. Adam did a fantastic job of recreating Eric Aumonier's famous statue atop the tube station.

The party at the East Finchley Constitutional Club was a welcome chance to say thank you to all deliverers and to catch up with them over a drink and a bite to eat.



Cake maker Adam Cox with his Archie creation

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VIP guest pulls guest beer

Councillor Lisa Rutter, Deputy Mayor of Barnet, poured the ceremonial first pint when the East Finchley Constitutional Club hosted its annual Oktoberfest weekend beer festival. She was assisted by Club Chairman Mike Harvey. Picture by John Dearing.



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It's an apt comparison, for the two-streets-away lady who brings me THE ARCHER (130 to be precise) is a former head teacher. If I get to the door before her car speeds away, there may be time for an animated doorstep chat. If I'm lucky, we meet on the High Road or at the health club. She does Pilates. I'm impressed.

To fold or not to fold
Now, I've got the bag inside.

It sits beside the front door, its plastic mouth full of newsprint teeth that need tending. I pass by it for a day or two, full of excuses, because I know what I must do. I must fold. I choose to fold my papers although you don't have to.

When it's done, the delivery bag crammed with ready-to-deliver papers sits by the front door. More excuses. I find my diary and pen. I write: 'Deliver THE ARCHER'. And I do.

Something important happens between the arrival of THE ARCHER and my first excuses: a cup of coffee and an excellent read. After all, I only volunteered to deliver THE ARCHER so that I could enjoy it at the beginning of the month!

Sports car stolen from garage

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A Lotus sports car was stolen from a garage in Summerlee Avenue sometime between 29 September and 4 October. Thieves broke into the garage using some kind of tool and then sped away in the car. Fortunately police stopped the vehicle and two people were arrested.

"This is the first time in many months that an East Finchley garage has been broken into to steal a car," said Sergeant Andy Matthews of the Safer Neighbourhood Team. He advised residents to protect the security of sheds and garages as they often contain tools that are useful for breaking into your house.

He also advised against hanging car keys up near the front door. Occasionally car keys are stolen during house burglaries and the car removed from the driveway to aid the thieves' escape.

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