



Seconds out, second fight

By Nick Allan

The ambition of winning and defending the Lonsdale Belt, awarded to British boxing champions since 1909, is all the motivation local middleweight boxer Josh Burnham needs as he prepares for his second professional fight.

On 17 September at York Hall in Bethnal Green, the renowned home of British boxing, he hopes to repeat the success of his first professional fight and beat his new opponent, the more experienced Sonny Whiting.

Delayed by injury

His second fight should have happened in May but fracturing his right hand in training just two weeks before the scheduled fight forced a delay until this month. Perhaps it was just as well the fight was delayed as during his recovery Josh married long-time sweetheart Anna, who also gave birth to their first daughter Aurella.

Josh, 23, who is a personal trainer at MighteeFit in Fortis Green, said: "Getting ready for a fight isn't just about the training, it's everything that goes with it including setting up the bout, finding the right promoter and opponent as well as the market-

ing and ticket selling, so injuring my hand was a real blow."

Family in his corner

Josh was an under-16 junior national light middleweight champion and has had over 40 amateur fights, always reaching the semi-finals and finals of the championships he entered. His interest in boxing was inspired by his father Kevin, a boxing fan who introduced him to the sport as a 12-year-old when he joined a local club and won his first fight a year later.

Josh added: "I'm aiming for the top and expect it won't come easy but I'm confident that I can make a name for myself as a professional boxer and go on to win something big, even a world title one day. The fact I have Anna and Aurella in my corner makes me more determined."

Tickets are still available for the fight in September via York Hall or from joshua_burnham@hotmail.co.uk.

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

LOCAL POLICE, LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

By PCSO Jan Lovell, of East Finchley Neighbourhood Policing Team

Some of you may have heard of London Mayor Sadiq Khan's pledges to support community policing and that a second police officer will be allocated to every police ward in the Met by the end of 2017.

What's even better news is that Barnet police teams were restructured in August, meaning PC Kenny and I have welcomed PC Phil Scottow to our team. This will be a big boost for the ward as it will enable us to address crime and anti-social behaviour more extensively.

Our office base on the High Road, N2, will also be housing the three-person teams for Finchley Church End and West Finchley wards and our new sergeant PS Paul Dodd.

A bonus for East Finchley will be the extra officers on our streets and buses as the Church End and West Finchley officers travel to and from their wards.

Phone thieves

We are still experiencing some thefts of mobile phones using a moped, which are occurring all over north London, and investigations and arrests continue. Please continue to be vigilant when using your phone on the streets.

Roofing scam

Bogus roofers are back in East Finchley. They have been seen to remove tiles from a roof while allegedly carrying out an inexpensive repair. They then raise the price very substantially to cover the extra repairs, demanding the money up front. The money is taken but the work is not completed.

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Beatles treasure trove sat in attic for 50 years

By Neil McNaughton

When retired teacher Sue Vincent was chatting to her friend Leslie Cavendish at the All Aboard charity shop in the High Road recently, the conversation naturally turned to the Beatles.



Some of Sue Vincent's Beatles memorabilia. Photo Mike Coles

With Leslie being the former hairdresser to the Fab Four, Sue being a lifelong fan and two 50-year anniversaries coming up, of the *Magical Mystery Tour* and *Sergeant Pepper* albums, it was an obvious subject for a chat.

Special collection

But when Sue mentioned she had a pile of memorabilia in her attic, Leslie's ears pricked up. He asked her to bring them in to show him and was so impressed that he took them to his friends at the Beatles Fan Club. They confirmed that some of the material was rare and one or two items had some real value.

The collection includes several fan club magazines from the early 1960s, programmes from the 1963 Christmas show, the Royal Variety Performance and Carnegie Hall, signed photographs and some Christmas records specially released for fan club members only.

Of particular interest were two photographs. One is signed

by all four Beatles and the other, of John Lennon, is thought to be possibly unique.

Mint condition

What is especially unusual about the collection is that everything is in mint condition. Sue, of Leicester Road, said she must have put them away as soon as she received them and had never taken them out for the 50 years since.

"I only actually saw the band once at the old Finsbury Park Astoria," she told *THE ARCHER*, "but I loved the Beatles like so many girls at that time. John, though, was my favourite. That's why I still have this special picture."

With so much nostalgic interest in the Beatles these days, baby boomers should perhaps look in their own attics. They may well find something they have forgotten about but which could bring back great memories and possibly make them a bit of cash.

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