



# Two more arrests in Anthony Littler murder inquiry

By John Lawrence

Detectives investigating the murder of civil servant Anthony Littler close to East Finchley tube station in 1984 have made two new arrests. One man aged 56 and another aged 57 were arrested on Thursday 21 March on suspicion of murder. Two men previously arrested in December 2023 have been re-bailed to a date later this month.

Anthony Littler, who lived in Leslie Road, N2, was killed after leaving the station at

Police believe Anthony was murdered in a random attack but despite an extensive investigation, no one has been charged. The motive for the murder also remains unknown.

Mr Littler's cousin Tricia McClure told *The Archer* earlier this year that his family were still hoping for justice even after 40 years. "The sadness never goes away," she said. "Anthony was a gentle giant; he wouldn't have hurt a fly. He didn't deserve what happened to him."

Det Insp Neil John, who is leading the investigation, said his team continued to make active enquiries and were hoping witnesses or anyone with information would come forward. Those with information can contact police on 020 8358 0100 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



Murder victim: Anthony Littler

12.15am on 1 May 1984. He was found with significant head injuries in an alleyway close to East End Road, now the site of Deanery Close, and was pronounced dead at the scene.

# Hammer attack on busy footpath

By Janet Maitland

Police and ambulance crews responded after a man in his 20s was attacked with a hammer on The Walks, N2, on the evening of Thursday 14 March. The path is heavily used by pedestrians walking between Market Place and Church Lane.

The London Ambulance Service were called to the scene at around 7.30pm and sent a paramedic in a fast response car and an ambulance. The victim was treated then taken to hospital, where his injuries were assessed as not life threatening or life changing.

The Walks and nearby streets Leopold Road and Church Lane were cordoned off to enable police officers to search the area. "This incident was between two males who

are known to each other," said Jan Lovell from the Safer Neighbourhood Team. "It got out of hand and one of them was hurt. The offender is known to us and will be apprehended. There is little or no concern for the community's safety."

Enquiries are ongoing. Any witnesses or anyone with any information is asked to call police on 101 quoting crime reference number 6694/14Mar or you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

# Parking zone meeting

A reminder that East Finchley Town Team is calling a public meeting this month to hear views on the impact of Barnet Council's proposed new controlled parking zone (CPZ) in the area.

We reported last month that the council had postponed the implementation of the 11am-3pm residents-only parking scheme across the northern section of East Finchley after facing a backlash of complaints and objections. The council says it is listening to the feedback and is still planning to go ahead

with the CPZ at a future date. The Town Team's meeting will focus on the potential effects of the restricted parking hours on businesses along the High Road. It takes place at the Constitutional Club, The Walks, N2, on Thursday 11 April at 7pm for a 7.30pm start and all are welcome.



A young life filled with love: Robin Samuel died last month, aged two

# Robin brought inspiration and joy to everyone who knew him

By Lynn Winton

It is with immense sadness that we have to tell our readers that Robin Samuel, the young boy who many of you supported during his illness, has died of cancer aged two.

Robin lived with his parents Rachel and Nick in Tetherdown, N10, and they were frequently seen around the cafés of Muswell Hill, where I often saw Robin, who loved his croissants, leaving a trail of crumbs where he went.

Recently they had been living in Barcelona where Robin was having groundbreaking immunotherapy treatment for neuroblastoma, a high-risk cancer that in the UK still has one of the lowest survival rates.

Tragically, despite Herculean efforts by his parents to fund raise for his overseas medical bills and the care of a world renowned team of doctors who were optimistic, Rachel and Nick have let us know that their little son died at home, in their arms, on Friday 15 March.

The following Friday there was a service at the St Marylebone Crematorium in East End Road, N2. It was a perfect way to celebrate his life, with poignant memories of so many happy times told by his dad Nick, a beautiful poem written and read by his grandfather Ernest Samuel, interspersed with Robin's favourite jazz tracks and a huge quantity of croissants for everyone in the packed hall. The farewell ceremony ended with Kaddish, the Jewish mourners' prayer, read by the celebrant Jonathan Kustow.

## Family's message

Rachel has asked us to send this message: "Our beautiful, brave boy passed away in our arms, at home in London. Robin lived a life filled with music, food, love and adventure. He brought joy and inspiration to all who knew him.

"We all fought so hard and

we cannot thank you enough for joining this fight and making the impossible possible. We are heartbroken and proud in equal measure. The leftover funds will go towards honouring this remarkable human who chose us as his parents. Thank you for being by our sides."

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