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Two charged with murder of Anthony Littler in 1984 attack

By John Lawrence

Two men have been charged with murder in connection with an investigation into the death of Anthony Littler close to East Finchley tube station in 1984.

Anthony Littler, 45 was found with serious head injuries on a path leading from the station to East End Road shortly at around 12.15am on 1 May 1984. He sadly died at the scene.

Despite enquiries at the time, no one was ever charged in connection with Mr Littler's death. Detectives kept the case under review, re-examining evidence in 1993 and 2013 before reopening their investigation again in November 2023, leading to the arrest of two men in March 2024.

Anthony Stewart, 59, of Old Farm Road, N2, and Michael Stewart, 55, of Station Road, New Barnet, EN5, have since been charged with murder.

The two men appeared at Willesden Magistrates' Court on Thursday 6 March and they are next scheduled to appear at the Old Bailey on Friday 30 May.

Three men who were previously arrested on suspicion of murder remain under investigation.



Victim: Anthony Littler

Gentle giant

A Met Police spokesperson said: "Enquiries into Anthony's death have remained ongoing within Met Police's Specialist Crime Unit and his family continue to be supported."

Anthony, who worked as a Customs and Excise executive, was walking up from the station to his home in Leslie Road, N2, on the night he died.

His cousin Tricia McClure told The Archer in January 2024: "He was a gentle giant and he wouldn't have hurt a fly. He didn't deserve what happened to him. The sadness never goes away."

Mr Littler, who was single, was active in the East Finchley Neighbourhood Association where a colleague told us he was "tall, smiley, friendly and pleasant".



Chalk it up: Children at the Monkey Puzzle Nursery enjoy their Holi celebrations. Photo Monkey Puzzle

Bursts of colour at nursery celebration

Monkey Puzzle Day Nursery in the High Road, N2, was awash with vibrant colours and joyful laughter on Friday 14 March, as children, parents, and teachers came together to celebrate Holi in spectacular style.

The nursery's front garden became a scene of colourful chaos as little hands tossed bright powders into the air, creating a rainbow of excitement. Families joined in the fun, embracing the spirit of unity, happiness, and new beginnings that Holi represents.

Town Team hosts open meeting

East Finchley Town Team are holding an open meeting at East Finchley Constitutional Club, The Walks, N2, on Thursday 10 April. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Everyone is invited to this informal event where locals can discuss local issues over a reasonably priced drink from the bar.

Established three years ago to promote and support the High Road, the Town Team is a group of volunteers, including East Finchley Community Trust, East Finchley Open Artists, The Archer newspaper and the Phoenix cinema, along with our local councillors.

Topics suggested for the meeting are the falling masonry in the High Road, the rubbish regularly dumped in the High Road and an update on the Great North Leisure Park redevelopment.

You are most welcome to come along and bring your ideas and suggestions or send them to eftownteam@gmail.com

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