

# Boy, 15, stabbed at Sloane Square Tube by duo on motorbike



Cordon: Sloane Square Tube

A BOY of 15 was stabbed outside a busy Tube station in an upmarket area of London yesterday by two men on a motorbike. An air ambulance was called to treat the boy – who was still

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in his school uniform – in Sloane Square, Chelsea, just before 3.20pm. Witnesses claimed that the

teenager had been stabbed in the back, and that the suspects started to chase him into the Tube station but then ran away, leaving behind their motorbike and a weapon. The boy was treated at the scene by paramedics before

being taken to hospital. Scotland Yard said last night that his injuries were ‘not life-threatening or life-changing’.

Sloane Square is an upmarket shopping area in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea – at the end of the famous King’s Road and which gave its name to the fashionable Sloane Rangers of the 80s – where the average house price is more than £2million.

Sloane Square Station was closed in the aftermath of the incident and the area cordoned off as police investigated. No

## ‘The bike wouldn’t start so they ran’

arrests have been made. A local employee, who did not wish to be named, told the Mail: ‘The schoolboy ran inside the station for help. It was horrific. He looked young, like a baby.’

Another added: ‘I heard five or six screams – the noise was horrible. The two guys who attacked him followed him into the station but came back out – there must have been too many people. They tried to escape on their motorbike but it wouldn’t start so they left it and ran.’

October 8, 2024

ON THIS DAY

### FROM THE DAILY MAIL ARCHIVE

OCTOBER 8, 1977

YESTERDAY, the auction sale room at Bonham’s in London was crowded to see Lot 168 – a pair of Queen Victoria’s drawers, knee-length with a 46in waist and the royal monogram. The drawers, along with a nightdress and chemise, went under the hammer for £160 [£650 in today’s money].

OCTOBER 8, 1992

SCOTLAND YARD is referring Madonna’s new book *Sex to the Director of Public Prosecutions* to see whether it should be banned, and if 100,000 copies due to be flown into Britain from America should be impounded under pornography laws.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SADIQ KHAN, 54. The Labour politician, who joined the party aged 15, is serving a record third term as Mayor of London. He had a trial for Surrey County Cricket Club as a teen-



ager but became a solicitor, inspired by watching TV drama *LA Law*.

BRUNO MARS, 39. The US pop star, born Peter Gene Hernandez in Hawaii, has had five UK No 1s, including *Grenade* and *Uptown Funk*, and won 15 Grammys. Mars started out aged four as an Elvis impersonator. He has also written songs for Adele and the Sugababes.

### BORN ON THIS DAY

BETTY Boothroyd (1929-2023). Ennobled in 2001, the Yorkshire-born former *Tiller Girl* was a Labour MP for 27 years before becoming the first and, to date, only female



Speaker of the House of Commons. When MPs asked what to call her after she became Deputy Speaker, she replied: ‘Call me Madam.’ She left almost her entire £3.7million fortune to charities, including Guide Dogs For The Blind and the Samaritans.

FRANK HERBERT (1920-1986). The US sci-fi author made his name with *Dune*, which sold 20 million copies and was recently turned into two hit movies. While dealing with multiple rejections from publishers, he had jobs ranging from radio news commentator to jungle survival expert.

### ON OCTOBER 8...

IN 1908, *The Wind In The Willows* by Kenneth Grahame was published.

IN 1961, the first edition of *In Touch* was broadcast on BBC radio. The magazine show for visually impaired listeners still runs today, on Radio 4.

### WORD WIZARDRY

#### GUESS THE DEFINITION

#### Neoteny (coined 1901)

A) The retention of juvenile characteristics in an adult animal. B) Spirituality. C) Methods of a calculating politician. *Answer below*

### PHRASE EXPLAINED

**Sow one’s wild oats:** Meaning promiscuous behaviour while young. Wild oats are a weed, so sowing them was a waste of time; the phrase was applied to young men idling away their time.

### QUOTE FOR TODAY

‘Even bad books are books and therefore sacred.’

Gunter Grass, Nobel-winning German novelist (1927-2015)

### JOKE OF THE DAY

WHAT did the guitar say to the guitarist? *Pick on someone your own size.* Guess The Definition answer: A.

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