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WW2 Bomb Blown Up in Hillside Park

Curious onlookers watched as a 1kg WW2 incendiary bomb was destroyed by a controlled explosion in Hillside Park.

It was found by Jim Rendell in the shed at the back of his house in Crowhill Rd.

'I assume it was a memento of the war which the previous owner had kept. The Germans dropped loads of them on Brigstow but I guess they didn't all go off. I couldn't believe it when I was told it was a bomb, it's taken me years to clear out that shed!'

Once the Army bomb disposal squad were happy the park was clear, they carried out their controlled explosion at 1.45 pm yesterday.

A Blast in the Park?



Nurse and Patient Assaulted

Westland police are investigating a sickening assault on a nurse and a man with learning disabilities that put both victims in hospital.

The attack happened in Harold Street, Stilwell and left student nurse Amanda Edwards needing treatment in the Brigstow Royal Infirmary A&E Department for facial injuries. The man with learning difficulties she was caring for, Douglas Broughton, was admitted to the BRI for emergency surgery and was last night described as being 'comfortable' by a hospital spokesperson.

Police have made two arrests in the Tipwood district of Brigstow in connection with the incident. They are currently

being held in custody

It is understood that youths have been abusing and intimidating Mr. Broughton for some time and that they were chasing him when he ran in front of a car and was knocked down. Student Nurse Amanda Edwards was trying to protect Mr Broughton when she was punched to the ground in the vicious attack.

Westland Police spokesperson Maureen Long described the incident as appalling. 'NHS staff providing care for vulnerable members of the public cannot be attacked in the street or anywhere else in this way. Targeting individuals with learning disabilities is hate crime and will not be tolerated.'



Attackers' Escape Route

Brigstow advocacy group Listen recently asked the question 'Who next?' in response to the report into the murder of Steve Hoskin in St Austell. Susan Jakes from Listen said 'Sadly we have the answer to that question already and it is Douglas here in Brigstow. We send him and his nurse all our best wishes and hope he survives this ordeal.' *Contd. P.2*

Heart Attack Patient Who Could Not Get into Hospital Sues NHS Trusts

A heart attack victim who was kept waiting in an ambulance outside the specialist Brigstow Cardiac Centre for 25 minutes is suing the hospital and ambulance trusts.

Mr John Ridgeway was taken to the BCC in the

early hours of the morning, but the ambulance crew could not gain entry for 25 minutes. The 47 year old suffered a cardiac arrest minutes after admission but was fortunately resuscitated.

The ambulance service is supposed to notify the

BCC in advance of an admission but it appears they notified the wrong hospital. Mr Ridgeway wants to know why the ambulance didn't take him to the next door BRI A&E unit when they couldn't gain access to the BCC. Apologies have been made by *Contd. p5*