



■ The vintage fair will return to the Assembly Hall on Sunday

Vintage fair pops up again with offer of clothes, collectables and cupcakes

A "pop up" vintage fair returns to the Islington Assembly Hall in Upper Street on Sunday.

Trendy shoppers can browse an eclectic mix of vintage men's, women's and children's fashion pieces dating from the 1920s to the 1980s and over 40 stalls between 11am and 4pm.

They will also find

accessories including vintage eyewear and jewellery, plus homeware including retro mid-century furniture, furnishings, antiques, vintage fashion advertising posters, antiques and collectables.

Visitors can also enjoy a vintage-style makeover in the pop up beauty parlour and take tea and

cupcakes served on delicate vintage china in the vintage tea room.

Entertainment includes 1940s style singers and retro DJs.

Entry costs £3 for adults and £2 for NUS card holders.

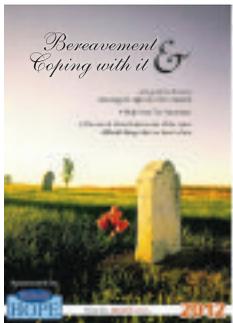
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Couple escape crash as BMW flips onto roof and flattens traffic lights

Woman taken to hospital then arrested on suspicion of drink-driving

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▶ A woman driver whose car flipped over in a crash last Wednesday has been arrested on suspicion of drink-driving.

The BMW was left on its roof after colliding with traffic lights on City Road, near the corner of Colebrook Row, in Islington, at around 7pm.

The 39-year-old driver had to be cut from the vehicle and taken to hospital.

Her injuries were not serious and she was discharged.

As she was released from hospital, she was arrested by police on suspicion of drink-driving and dangerous driving.

She remains in custody at a north London police station.

A 25-year-old male passenger was also taken to hospital with minor wounds.

Both sets of traffic lights, 50 yards apart, were knocked to the

floor and the right side of the vehicle was left severely crushed. Police officers worked to clear the scene, but the road was still closed at 11pm.

Passers-by watched as the wrecked car was flipped upright by officers, who began checking underneath the car and removing metal debris from the road.

Torn off

Emma Youle, 33, who lives off St John Street, said: "The car was flipped over on its side with the wheel shaft completely torn off and glass and metal strewn across the road.

"The whole right side of the car was a mess of crushed metal.

"It looked as if the car had been flipped and two sets of traffic lights were knocked to the ground.

"It was hard to believe that anyone could have made it out of the car alive."

Traffic officers will carry out a full investigation.



■ It was hard to believe anyone could make it out alive, said witness Emma Youle

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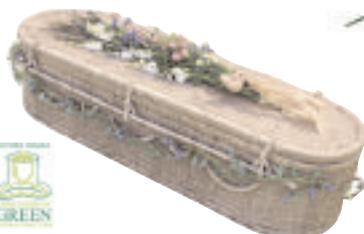
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Churchgoers delight at £1½m lottery grant to save 19th century organ

A historic organ in one of Islington's most famous music venues is to be saved thanks to almost £500,000 of lottery money.

The Henry Willis organ at the Union Chapel, in Compton Avenue, was completed in 1887 and is the only fully intact hydraulic organ in the country.

But the instrument is in a poor state, and without major work the Grade I listed instrument would only have a couple of years of life left.

Now, its future is secure thanks to £470,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) which will be used to repair the machinery, pipework and enclosure.



■ The Union Chapel congregation are 'thrilled' at the grant

Philip Walker, chairman of Union Chapel project said: "We are thrilled, if not slightly overwhelmed, with the HLF grant which will go a long way towards fully restoring this fine and wonderful instrument

which has loyally served and delighted generations of worshippers and concert-goers. We hope the restoration will continue and strengthen this happy tradition for generations to come."

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