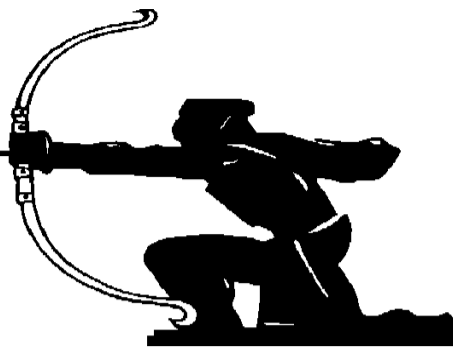


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David Tupman, Archer Pictures Editor, has delved into our archive to find what Baronsmere Road was like in 1935: A car-free zone with no parking problems. See Page 10 for readers' letters.

Shop Raids

There has been a disturbing increase in raids and break-ins on shops in the High Road over the last few weeks.

One night recently, during the early hours of Sunday morning, the Starburger restaurant and the pet shop next door were both raided.

Starburglar

In the Starburger they took £150 in cash and a quantity of steak hamburgers. In the pet

shop an undisclosed sum of cash was taken, but no food.

The office of the accountants in Lincoln Road was also ransacked.

There have been other raids including Amazing Grates and a newsagent.

It really looks as if East Finchley is being targeted. Last year there was a series of burglaries in Whetstone. Shopkeepers and residents should be extra vigilant and aware.

Vale of fears?

By Paul Savill

Often referred to as the "forgotten estate", Strawberry Vale, situated by the North Circular Road in East Finchley, is to receive nearly £1.4 million of public money over the next three years.

The money, being allocated through the government's Estates Renewal Challenge Fund, will be used for repairs, renovations and ownership transfer to a housing association.

Presently owned by Camden, which manages the estate, and Islington, it is proposed that the new landlord should be the Samuel Lewis Housing Trust.

This has to be agreed by a

ballot of Strawberry Vale's tenants. There are 267 properties on the estate, providing homes to 1,000 people.

Trustworthy?

Said Hendon South MP and prospective Conservative candidate for the new Finchley and Hendon seat, John Marshall: "This can only be good news for the estate. Furthermore, this public funding will pull in additional millions into the estate from the private sector."

No option

Strawberry Vale tenant, Peter Maslen, was not so enthusiastic: "It's all a plot to get the estate out of public into private hands."

"There are other options which should be presented to residents. But we're being told that unless we sign up with the housing association we won't get the £1.4 million.

"And the rest of the money will have to be borrowed. The capital and interest will have to be paid back by residents through far higher rents."

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