





East Finchley Festival Football

By Erini Rodis

While Germany were beating Senegal on 22 June, this year's East Finchley Festival kicked off a day earlier than usual with the 4-a-side football tournament in the sturdy new football pen at Strawberry Vale.

Seven mixed teams took part: three from Strawberry Vale, three from The Old Barn and one from Northside

The teams were split into two groups; the winner of each going through to the final, after a hard fought group stage lasting on and off for two hours.

The Upper Hand

The final match was held between Strawberry Vale Team 1 and Strawberry Vale Team 2. Fifteen minutes of impressive dribbling manoeuvres, hearty tackles and spectacular volley passes kept up a high standard of attack and defence on both

sides, but Strawberry Vale Team 1 got the upper hand and finished with a 4-0 win.

The Fair Play Cup went to Northside School for being nice enough to let the others win. The players displayed a stamina and concentration which would make the England team proud - and the smaller players, some of them girls, made up for a lack of body bulk by mastering their passes with flexibility and quick

Simply Magic

The football was followed by a gathering in the Green Man Community Centre, where a bouncy castle and barbecue were set up to cater for the parents and kids who were preparing for the next day's parade.

"Magic" was to be the theme, so while most kids were making wings and hats for fairy and witch outfits, Gunners fans just wanted to wear their Arsenal shirts "because they are magic!"

Labour MP for Finchley and Golders Green, Rudi Vis, was on hand to present medals to the winners, as well as an invitation to visit him at the Houses of Parliament as VIPs!

All in all the spectators at Strawberry Vale were served

> well with some wonderful performances from all the teams!

Above right: Fair Play cup winners, Northside School. Photo by Erini Rodis





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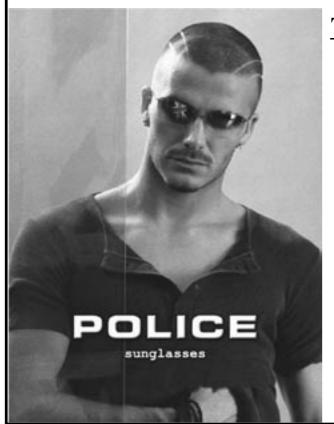






Strawberry Vale Team 1 (in front) and Team 2 (behind). Photo by Erini Rodis

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