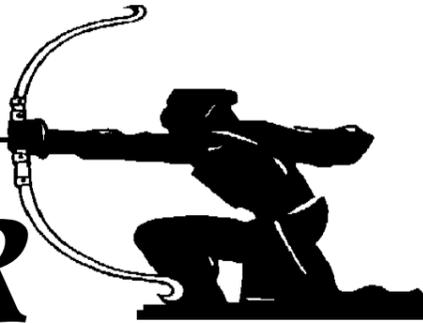


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Cemetery Vandals

By Len Willcocks

Once again the St Pancras and Islington cemetery in the High Road, has become a target for vandalism and robberies.

During a recent weekend they caused an estimated £40,000 of damage to a bronze mausoleum door and granite block.

The reception and staff room were broken into and a motor cycle set on fire. But as Richard Baldwin, the cemetery Manager told the Archer, "This cemetery covers a vast area and would need 24 hour security to solve the problem. We are having talks with the police on ways to improve security. To get the security patrol I would really like is question

of money" said Mr Baldwin.

By the number of discarded bottles and glasses left lying around in the undergrowth it appears that gangs are getting into the cemetery and having parties.

Grave Robbers

The Marylebone cemetery in East End Road has also suffered thefts. Two marble statues have been stolen along with a marble grand piano valued at £800 and a £3,000 statue of cherubs holding a bowl, which was taken from the middle of a pond.

The new Member of Parliament for Finchley and Golders Green is different from most MPs. He actually lives in the area he represents - in the heart of East Finchley to be precise.

Against all the odds Rudy Vis, of the Labour Party, has taken over the once "true blue" constituency of Maggie Thatcher and latterly that of John Marshall.

Mr Vis lives in a wisteria clad house in Leicester Road, that Victorian estate which nudges the High Road and Fortis Green.

A Barnet Labour councillor, lecturer at the University of East London, 56 year old Mr Vis lives with partner Jacqui Suffling and their two year old twins Pip



Rudi Vis, MP.

and Tog. He lists walking through London as one of his hobbies.

Mr Vis won his seat with 23,000 votes, a majority of 3,000 over the Conservatives' John Marshall. Representing a 15 percent swing, this overturned Mr Marshall's 1992 majority of 12,000.

Editors Note: Congrats, Mr Vis. Good to have an MP who lives in his constituency. How many MP's do? Can somebody tell us?

Gardening Footnote: Mr Vis' wisteria has not flowered this year. Not an omen hopefully.

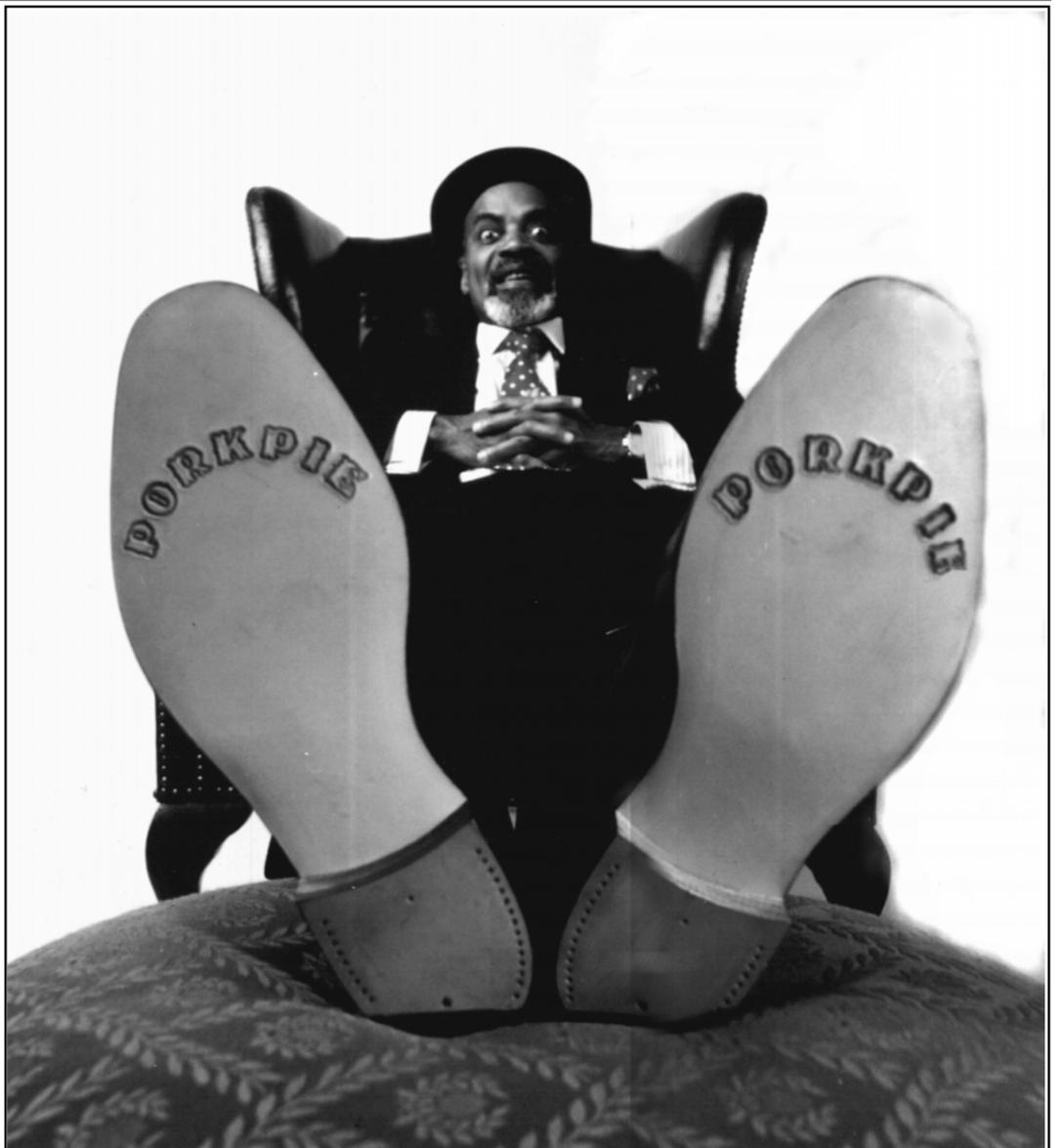


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£10 Mistake

The deliberate spelling mistake on page one of March's Archer was "erection" in the contents section. It should have read "election free zone" instead of "erection free zone."

Astutely spotted first by Irene Addison of Barnet! A tenner is on it's way, donated by the editor who bet that no one would find it. More women than men noticed the mistake.

Which local shoe repairer makes pork pies in his spare time? Turn to page 4 to find out.

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