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## Youth Xpress

By Daphne Chamberlain and Femke van Iperen  
**Strawberry Vale teenagers have been "xpressing" themselves this summer. They ran their own barbecues, put on a music show, and took photos of the estate.**

Barnet and Peabody Trust youth workers felt that young people in Strawberry Vale needed a boost to their confidence and self-esteem, and the Green Man Community Centre's weekly bingo sessions helped to finance the project.

Results amazed Martin O'Donnell, the Community Centre manager. "The photos are brilliant. One of the Centre is the best I've ever seen, and I've seen a good few", he said.

The photos focused on 12 designated subjects, including people of different ages, and the best and the worst places around the estate. The basketball pitch

got a definite thumbs-up 15-year-old Jermaine McCubbine was enthusiastic, saying, "It gave us something to do. My favourite place was the football pitch, and the worst bits were the dustbins and the CCTV cameras. I don't think we need the cameras".

About 20 young people took part, with a roughly 50/50 balance between the sexes. They designed their own introductory leaflets, and handed them out to other teenagers on the estate. At the end of the week, everyone received a certificate and the teenagers had enjoyed putting their own message over to the community.



The walkers, led by Tony Roberts, make their way up Deanery Close. Photo by John Dearing

## Archer celebrates 100<sup>th</sup> edition with walk

By Toni Morgan  
**On Sunday 23 September members of THE ARCHER team were joined by residents from as far apart as Highgate and North Finchley on a celebratory walk around the borders of the old Common within East Finchley.**

The walk included the original settlements of Hogmarket and Red Lion Hill and also Glebelands, Coppets Wood and Coldfall Wood, returning to Cherry Tree Wood.

Local historian, Tony Roberts, pointed out items of historical interest on the way.

### Braving the elements

Despite a somewhat grey morning with occasional drizzle, a party of 29, plus two scottie dogs - Lucy and Scout, braved the elements and the majority were interested enough to complete the course and expressed an interest in a further walk being organised.

It transpired that many in the party had common interests and some new links were forged.

A hard core of 'hardened drinkers' repaired to the newly revamped Bald Faced Stag to continue discussions on local history and publishing, not to mention sampling the liquid refreshment on offer!

In view of the interest expressed, THE ARCHER hopes to plan another such event sometime next year and would like to thank all those who gave up their Sunday morning to take part.

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