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## A future for Stanley Field

By Daphne Chamberlain

Stanley Road Playing Field could be saved for the people of East Finchley. If plans (shown on page 3) become reality, the neglected field could be transformed into a multi-sports facility and community centre, which could produce stars of the future.

The FA's Regional Facilities Manager, Roger Reed, will recommend the scheme for funding from the Foot-

ball Foundation, dependent upon a viable business plan. This could be the alternative to seeing the field sold for

development. Local resident Philip King, who started the ball rolling, said, "I want to see the area used, rather than becoming another block of flats."

The plan provides a correctly sized football pitch for top year primary school pupils, a second grass pitch, and an all-weather area for a variety of sports, with separate space for dog-walkers, cyclists and joggers.

### All mod cons

Included in the plan are changing facilities, a café, an office, a community meeting-room, a sports development officer, and staff working on-site for security. The scheme is the brainchild of local community groups, including Holy Trinity School and the East Finchley Development Trust, in consultation with Roger Reed, who is working successfully on similar projects elsewhere.

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Photo by Peter Eiseman-Renyard

## Fire!

By Pete Eiseman-Renyard

They say a good photographer should always keep his eyes open and his camera handy. Here's how I came to be at this fire in Elmshurst Crescent on 1 February.

I was returning from Muswell Hill to East Finchley just before 2 pm, when I noticed, past the end of Fortis Green, a large plume of black smoke blowing across the horizon from north to south. I ran for my camera and my car, but found the way blocked by all the regular road traffic trying to keep out of the way of the Fire Brigade as they came down Fortis Green.

By the time I had managed to follow the engines and safely park my car,

the firemen already had the major part of the blaze under control, and were engaged in damping down and clearing the debris. I understand that the fire had broken out in a nearly-completed rear dormer extension while the workmen were having their lunch. Damage to the roof area was extensive, extending down through the ceiling to the first floor and some of the workmen's tools and equipment were also lost in the fire.

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If you would like to share your memories with us, please contact *THE ARCHER* in time for the May edition - that is, by Friday 15 April.