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## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Fifty years of continuous service to the community requires celebrating, for such an event is quite an achievement. This is the record of the Bromley Chamber of Commerce, which we are commemorating this year.

What better way of doing this than by inviting everybody in "little Bromley", the customers and traders who have made the fifty years possible, to join in the celebrations-with the chance of winning at least one big prize.
To commemorate the event we have produced this special commemorative magazine which has been distributed to over 45.000 homes in the area. We hope that you will find it interesting and informative, a publication to which you can refer from time to time.

Its publication is a continuation of the service which the traders of Bromley have given over the years, service to you the public. We are proud of our Chamber of Commerce because it represents Bromley as a thriving business centre which has grown steadily over the years until it now stands among the foremost. Elsewhere in this book you will be able to read how this growth came about.
There is little doubt that Bromley owes a great deal of its success to the fact that prominent traders have over the past fifty years combined their strength under the badge of the Bromley Chamber of Commerce. Many of them went
on to join Bromley Borough Council and became Mayor.

But the past should not be seen alone, it should be thought of in the context of the future. Our selfcongratulation on fifty years of past achievement is only justified if those fifty years have contributed to the shape of our future.

Our aim is always to promote and protect the interests of our members.
As you will see in this magazine, the promotion and protection of our members automatically involves the promotion and protection of our Town. In the course of our activities over this past half a century, for instance, we have concerned ourselves with the provision of car parks, the Redevelopment Plan, waiting restrictions and the general provision of a service to the public.

All these matters are our concern.

I hope that you will enjoy reading this magazine and that you will learn something of the shops in Bromley-perhaps some of which you did not even know existed. Perhaps you will also learn more of our organisation, in the efforts it has made in the past and in its continuing hopes for the future.

We hope you will like our new badge and that you will help us to help you by shopping where you see it displayed.
J. Levett.

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## A SHORT HISTORY

## THE BROMLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Including Some Random Thoughts-by John Rice

## EARLY DAYS

Somewhere there exists the instrument which called the Bromley Chamber of Commerce into being fifty years ago: but although I have seen it and can testify to the fact of it, there seems to be some doubt as to its whereabouts at the present time I hope very much that it turns up again, for it is a very interesting scrap of paper in
view of what has followed since it was view of what has followed since it was written
In the early days to which we are referring we find the fore-runners of many government controls, directives and restrictions with which retail traders find themselves grappling today; and we find founder-members of the Chamber concerning themselves with the Registration of Business Names Act, 1916. The Council lent support to a protest made to the Home Secretary that the Act failed in the object intended, which was to prevent aliens concealing their identitues by forming themselves into limited companies, using titles which concealed the nationalities of the proprietors. Food Control, etc. also gave
food for thought. The Chamber were food for thought. The Chamber were
called upon to help the Town Council in called upon to help the Town Council in
this matter, and two very knowledgeable members (Messrs. W. F. Skilton and 1. Uridge) helped on a committee. They were kept very busy! Other matters in the early days were Compulsory early closing of Shops; Helping fellow traders called to active service; The salvaging of waste Materials; Helping to overcome coal short age; Restricted postal facilities. This included items such as restrictions applying to postage of commercial papers at the $\frac{1}{3} \mathrm{~d}$ rate! Also pressing for late collection on Sunday evening for delivery first post Monday morning-all of which seems very mild by present-day standards, yel it appears that many got very hot under 1 he collar about such things! Another matter tackled and overcome was the Improvement of railway facilities, for the Chamber ment of railway in gaining extra comfort for third class passengers, and workmen's tickets at reduced rates from both North and South slations.
In moving on to 1923, we find the Chamber grappling with the embryo of what was to become the terrifying monster of the present day. To quote from the Annual Report 1923: under the heading of Traffic Regulations we find: "Considerable Traffic Regulations we hnd: Considerable irritation has been caused by the application of a Police Regulation, framed pre sumably to avoid traffic congestion. prohibiting motor cars from standing outside premises, etc., etc . and later: "The Chamber naturally desires that the public thoroughfares should be kept free of all obstructions, and will watch that the commerce of the Town is not curtailed for the benefit of those who, heedless of speed limits, rush through the Town ". And remember, the year was 1923! The Council not being crystal gazers, slipped up in not supporting proposals made by the Town Council that places in Palace Grove and Holwood Road should be set aside for the sole purpose of parking cars. Instead, they had a go at the Police for allowing congestion through additional bus services al
Bromley South . . and it seems that they Bromley South . . . and it seems that they
succeeded. A pet phrase of the writer is that succeeded. A pet phrase of the wring mind the
nothing at all is new so bear in mind nothing at all is new-so beary; then dwell support given to this theory: The Greater London Scheme as it affected Bromiley' believe it or not! Yes, 1923! Two of our members, Alderman Bertram Pearce and Alderman R. W. James were elected. together with the Town Clerk. Mr. F. H. Norman, 10 state Bromley's case before a Royal Commission:
1924 was a red-letter year, for alter "Mature consideration, the Council re solved to recommend that the Chamber affiliate with the National Chamber of


A view from the marker square of the top end of the High Street

Trade". How wise a decision this has proved to be. We find, too, in this year that members were helped very much in the matter of the collection of bad debts. Mr. Essex-Webb, erstwhile assistant secretary of the Chamber proving most adept in this matter, being congratulated in the Report An army of such gentlemen might be needed today-judging by what some retailer friends tell me!
On moving to 1926 we find under the heading Presidential Badge that Mr. E. W Payne has presented the Chamber with the President's Badge of Office which is worn to this day. A photograph was included in the Report, and attention was directed to "The White Horse of Kent, encircled with Kentish Hops, and the Goddess of Commerce surmounting the Borough Arms" The writer, who for a year had the honour of wearing this badge, can vouch for the fact that this badge is really very handsome, and much admired by others. It is rather touching to dwell upon the thought that Mr. Payne made us this gift at the end of Mr. Payne made us this gift at the end of
his year of office, and was too late to his year of office, and was too late to Mr. Payne was very proud of his Pas President's Badge, for he told me so!

In these early days the Chamber was very much a force within itself, as apar from what was achieved in a general way for the Headquarters of the Chamber, the Literary Institute, Widmore Road was available to members every evening of the week. Apart from holding committee and trade section meetings practically every evening, games of various kinds were wel patronised and lectures well attended. A most remarkable aspect of the Chamber activities was to be found in the Trade Sections, for every trade dealt with is own affarrs through its own committee, on which was appointed its own chairman and secretary. Here are some details which make good reading: mark the names of these gentlemen, for they most surely built not only the Bromley Chamber. bu Bromley itself. Baker's Section: Chairman: Mr. F W. Ackerman; Vice-Chairman Mr. C. Weeks. Building Trades: Alderman W. L. Crossley and Alderman Bertrarn Pearce. Drapery \& Furnishing: Chairman: Mr. F. Medhurst; Grocery and Provisions: Chairman: Mr. H. E. Isard, f.G.ו. ViceChairman: Councilior F. W. Isard. F.G.ı.
with Hon. Secretary: Miss V. D. Dean M.G.I. Meat Trade: Charman: Councillor Elphick; Tailoring \& Outfitting: Chair man: Mr L. E. Ward; Newsagents \& Booksellers: Chairman: Mr. J. N. Cur wood: Motor Trades: Chairman: Mr C. H. Soans: Chemists Section: President Councillor Allan Bone, Vice-President Mr. R. C. Davenport, and Hon. Secretary Mr. Wallace Pring. It was the practice a this tıme to liase with all other trade organisations, usually more of a national character to which traders and allied interests belonged. with much benefit to all concerned. So in many ways we can, if we will, learn much from the past
Great attention was paid to recreational facilities, with a very strong social com mittee, also a Ladies' Section which me in its own right, and for its own purposes As many such functions as Garden Parties river trips, home and away sporting events such as Bowls. Tennis. Cricket and Golf matches, were regular features, the Social Committee and the Ladies' Committee were kept very busy. It is a nostalgic thought that only very recently the Cham hought that only very recentiy the Cham constantly in use at one time has been disposed of . . . so passes with it an era much posed of . . . so pa
This special period in the Chamber's history cannot be left without reference to the one who was, in my opinion, most responsible for it being so special: Mr responsible for it being so special: Mr from 1919 to 1930. He it was who built the from early Bromley Chamber of Commerce, and early Bromley Chamber of Commerce. and tribute to Mr. Hobbins. The usefulness of the Chamber was maintained by his exceptional efforts, and the prestıge built up also both by his diligence and integrity. The writer learned much from the minute books compiled by Mr . Hobbins, which have been to him text books for his own long been to him tex books for Mis awn was presented with a gold watch on behalf of the Chamber by Mr. Stanley Humersion of the Chamber by Mr. Stanley Humersion who was President at ihe time. Mr
Hobbins, who was later elected Presiden of the Chamber, is still living. He is aged of the Chamber, is still living. He is aged 85 , has suffered two strokes, yet still writes
to me; typing his letters with one finger to me; typing his letters with one finger,
being unable to write. A great man still, he lives at Eastbourne

Bromley was being served and improved daily by the Town Council and the Cham ber of Commerce; for that was truly the ber of of it. Of the Officers and Council of way of it. Of the Officers and Council on the Chamber no less than twelve served on
both Town Council and the Chamber. The both Town Council and the Chamber. The
order of the day was: President of the order of the day was: President of the Chamber one year. and Mayor the nextand what a wonderful arrangement this proved to be. Unfortunately, with the
coming of politics into local government, new suffer stalemate. Few seem to wan to serve anything but a political party: and private individuals, atruistic in intention are fiercely rebuffed and speedily destroyed
as contenders against this prescribed and as conlenders against this
restriclive state of being.
Such was the state of affairs at the com ing of what was called peace; and in 1946 Jack Marriott (Alderman Jack) who kep things going right through the War. helped by his wife. Dorothy, was only too pleased to hand over to someone else: which was when the writer stepped into the Secretary-
ship. The days of more graceful living still ship. The days of more graceful living stil left their mark. for the political holocaus
had not struck. Our own Past President had not struck. Our own Past President. Jack Marriott and Samuel Lane (who was President when the writer took over as Secretary) and George Brown (ex-secretary and Past President) were to follow him into his high office. We still met at the Public Library under the auspices of the Town Council, whom we followed by invitation on all official meetings, Civic Services, and other occasions. But gradually the new order came into being, with greater diffi culty accruing to the Chamber with lessening of its influence. These difficulties have grown: yet the Chamber continues to serve in very many ways, although having o force its effectiveness-whereas once : was itself an authority, giving. rather than demanding. But needs must
Since the last war. the trend has been more towards protecting our members yet much has been achieved. Condrtion and a more demanding age produced the men for the times. with the younger. more impatient men returning from the force mostly filling the breach. The writer, havin bimself ust been demobbed from the R.A.F., sought mainly among his contem poraries for suppori' and in these impor tant first days just after the war found those ready and willing to carry on. I pay tribute to my helpers and friends at that time. Many have carved iheir names upon our scrolil of honour: Jack Turley. Eric Isard. Ron Turley. Harry Tutt, Bill Masters, Bill Humerston, David Pyrke, Leslie Hart. These and others to whom we remain indebted. though unnamed. put the Bromley Chamber on its feet once more. Some splendid adventures were undertaken Shopping Weeks were pretty well regular features, working up to the crescendo of the Old Bromley Market Exhibition. The leading lights in this venture. which can be said to have confirmed the resuscitation of the Chamber, were Eric Isard. Jack Turley Leslie Hart and Bill Bayfield, with a valuable part being played by Denise valuable part being played (hen Clipston) as Secretary. This Dussek (then Clipston) as Secretary. This
exhibition with the Old Bromley Market rebuilt under canvas, with the old shops rebuilt in miniature. attracted no less than 15,000 people who paid to enter the exhi btion and market; many queing for quite ong periods, especially on Saturdays when queues stretched from the Stockwell Col ege grounds, where the exhibition was her a week, hrough Queens Gardens mo Drome Chapres he Bromley Chamber Coniribution to
 he remarkable success of il compensated Eric lsard seepless oghts passed by Eric lsard and his right hand men. This success resulted in the Chamber making
quite significant donations to Charity and

## PERSONALITY PAGE



His Worship the Mayor,
Councillor F. G. V. LOVELL, J.P.

I am delighted to have the opportunity of writing a short message for this Golden Jubilee Souvenir Book.
The Bromley Chamber of Commerce can look back with justifiable pride on its achievements over the past fifty years. During that time Bromley has grown from a quiet Market Town to the busy, bustling Borough we see around us today. Bromley now ranks as one of the mosc important shopping and commercial centres in South East England and there is no doubt that the next fifty years will present many exciting new opportunities.
I know that the Bromley Chamber of Commerce will be ready to respond to the challenge of these new developments and that the traditions of courtesy, service and community spirit, which have been so assiduously built up over the years, will maintained and further enhanced in the future.
The Bromley Chamber of Commerce has merited the gratitude and congratulations of all those who live and work in Bromley; it has fully earned its discinguished place in the life of our town.
I therefore offer my warmest congratulations on the attainment of a notable ations on the attainmen a notable to all those associated with the Bromley Chamber of Commerce at this proud Chamber of Comme
moment in its history

A. F. HOBBINS, Esq

Dear Mr. President
It gives me great pleasure to send my congratulations to the Gromley (Kent) Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of their Golden Jubilee.
As readers of this fine publication we know, the London Borough of Bromley came into being on the Ist April 1965, and Bromley, with a former residential popuation of 70,000 has now become the largest in area of the London Boroughs with a population more than 305,000 . There are also many separate trading areas other than in the town of Bromley, but it is essential for trade today that the characteristics of each of chese separate shopping areas are maintained and, whenever possible, projected to the public with consequent benefit both to trade and shopper.
The fifty years of the Chamber's existence is being marked by a golden Jubilee Shopping Week, and I wish every success to the organisers in their enterprise.


JOHN HUNT, M.P

For many years I was connected with the Chamber as Hon. Secretary-also as President when it was my turn!-So you may guess that its welfare is very dear to may
me. me
Memories come flowing back, amon them, I originated window dressing com petitions among the traders. This wa deemed a great success by the Members

I offer my heartiest congratulations on your progress, and feel grateful that the management has fallen into such capable hands which have helped the Chamber to thrive and go forward-often against difficulties and frustracions-caused by troublous times during the war and since. During my secretaryship, I was happy to put time and energy into my role. At one time I was dubbed the "live wire' of the Chamber! Now alas, the years have taken their coll-l am content to sic back and applaud the success of others

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# THE BROMLEAG OF OLD 

(A History of Bromley-by Chris Robertson)

Exactly one thousand, one hundred and four years ago, in the year A.D. 862, King Ethelbert who ruled over the open windswept counties of Wessex and Kent granted a charter to one of his ministers, Dryhtwald. In it he gave ten areas of ploughland as a gift, the land situated in the area known as Bromleag.

The name Bromleag means heath-land, or more specifically, land where the broom grows. The deed goes on to name further districts which can be used to identify yet more of today's areas around Bromley such as Langanleage forLangley and Liofshema for Lewisham.

This document, now preserved in the British Museum, is the first written record of the existance of Bromley. Prior to this we know that the Romans camped around the district. Their debris has turned up in Widmore and Keston, but there were no records kept of any sizeable encampment in the Parish.

The Norman invasion and the compiling of the great Domesday Book gave us the first detailed information of the size and value of the land around Bromley. In 1086, we are told, the Manor of Bromley was owned by the Bishops of Rochester and the area of cultivated land had dropped probably owing to general neglect. The total area, if modern translations are reliable, was about 4,700 acres. Its population was small, no more than about forty or fifty families living in rather primitive cottages which were scattered all over the place, with very little contact between each other. No mention is made in the Domesday Book of a church in the Parish, but this does not necessarily mean that there was not some focal point where people did congregate.

Sundridge gets its first mention during the reign of King John (A.D. 1210-12) when there was mention in a document of Galfredus de Sundresse. Historians calculate from this that the district of Sundridge broke away from Bromley some time during the late 12th or early 13 th centuries.

During the same period, we assume, Bromley became known as a market town. Again we can thank bad King John for a recording of this. In a written grant for the Bishop of Rochester he mentions that the Bishop "may have a market at Brumlegh every Tuesday throughout the year

Further documents show a church which was soon to provide a Bishop to the see of Rochester, and an episcopal palace. They also show names which have become familiar road names today, such as Richard de Wendover.

It was Richard de Wendover who, in the mid-13th century was chosen as Bishop of Rochester but his nomination was refused by the Archbishop on the grounds that de Wendover was not suitable. This triggered off a threeyear battle between the Archbishop, the monks who nominated de Wendover, and Rome. It ended in victory for de Wendover who held the office of Bishop of Rochester for 12 years

During these years, much of the land around Bromley passed from the hands of the Bishops into the hands of the King, yet there is some doubt as to whether the land was yielding its full value. Records show that there were few
improvements and that very little money had been sunk into the land. Certainly the yield was little more than it had been when the Domesday Book was compiled.
But Bromley was undoubtedly growing in size and was gradually becoming a trading centre for a wide area of countryside around. The market was thriving, even if the land was not.
Bromley Market appears to have changed its day from Tuesday to Thursday back in 1477. In the same year Bromley was established as the centre for two great Fairs, on July 25 and February 3.
Residents in Bromley played a big part in the 15th century uprising known as Jack Cade's rebellion, which gained popular support among the country workers in Kent. Pardons were subsequently granted to three locals, Rob Payn de Bekenam, Andreas Woodcock de Bromley and Hund de Bromley et Bekenham
At this period in the history of Bromley we find detailed evidence of a Court being established under the wings of the Rectory of Bromley, which was still subservient to Rochester, but which was rapidly establishing an independent voice of its own.
Records show several suits being brought to the court, disputes being settled and penalties being meted out.
Despite a mysterious lack of records, the Tudor Period saw one of the greatest transitions in the history of Bromley. Indeed, one might conclude, they saw the start of Bromley's eventual role as a dormitory suburb of London.
Men of considerable wealth were beginning
to up their roots and move to the relative peace and tranquility of Bromley. With them they brought large and better constructed houses and improved trade for the shopkeepers and innkeepers whose future prosperity had been threatened by the shortage of cash which seems to have pursued us all through history. With them these rich men brought more familiar names. Among the new residents were Thomas Frenche de Plasto, Richard Hendrie of Wigmore Farm, Thomas Harris of the Parke of Bromley and Anthony Calthrope of the Masons Hill Mansion House.
It was not, however, until the 18 th century that the population explosion hit Bromley doubling it to 1,400 and, towards the end of the century, doubling again to around 3,000 .

The Civil War in the 17 th century saw much church land being appropriated by Parliament, and Bromley was not excluded. On April 20, 1648 the House of Lords Journal records that an order was made to the High Sheriff of Kent authorising him:
to remove Dr. Warner, late Bishop of Rochester, and all other persons whom he shall find in possession of the Manor House of Bromley in Kent, out of the said House; and to deliver possession of the said Manor House with the appurtenances and other lands there, unto Augustine Skinner, Esquire, or to such persons as he shall authorise under his hand and seal, to receive the same, who hath purchased the said Manor .
Dr. Warner, however, was apparently more formidable in his resistance than had been anticipated by the Parliamentarians. He
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This scene provides an idea of how Bromley must have been centuries ago-without the bowler of course!

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ON THE SOCIAL SIDE
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Apart from the general comradeship of belonging to an active organisation and the friendships which spring up between the friendships which sprisg up between organised social side of the Chamber.
organised social side of the Chamber. the Annual Dinner. Here the President and members of the Council have a chance to meet all the members on a purely social basis. with the Guests of Honour usually being the Mayor of Bromley and the Member of Parliament. Last year the Dinner was held in Bromley, but we are normally full of regret that there is not a suitable venue within our area to cater for upwards of two hundred guests.
Even more informal is the annual Christmas Dance. another chance for members to get-logether on a purely social basis.
Throughout the year, the Chamber's Social committee are aclive arranging tours and visits. Among our recent outings have been trips to the Vauxhall Motor Works. Booth's Distillery. Fisons. and Whitbread's Brewery.
The Chamber also has its own Golf Society who arrange about six meetings a year, plus the occasional sortie against other organisation teams.
All these activities are aimed at giving traders a chance to mix with theit fellow tradesmen on a social level, exchange views and keep in touch with what the Chamber is doing.

## COMMITTEES

The General Purposes committee of the Chamber is responsible for the formation of policy and for the general administrafon and direction of the Chamber's aflairs. One of their more recent activities has been o decide what shall appear in this book, making sure that allitems were contributed on lime and generally doing the the Chamber and the work bet
The Membership committee. on the other hand. looks after all matters directly affecting the members. It was they who were primarily responsible for most of the events illustrated in the book.
This is certainly not the first shopping event which the committee have handled. In the early 1950s a number of shopping events were held culminating in the great Bromley Market of 1951-Festival of Britain year.
They are also responsible for deciding the subjects to be discussed at the Chamber's Quarterly meetings. The last two of these meetings have been great successes. one on the six-day trading week and the other on the problems of car parking in the centre of Bromlcy

Bromley is a big Borough now. It covers over 39.250 acres. which is approximately sixty square miles and stretches from Penge to Downe.

Again, this shows how the Chamber. by promoting the interests of their members. are promoting the interests of the entire community.
The Chamber's bi-monthly publication "Torch" carries the news of all Chamber events, plus a copy of the National Chamber of Trade Journal and is distributed free to all members. Yet another way in which we try to serve those who help the community by joining the ranks of the evergrowing Chamber of Commerce

The youngest of the Chamber commitlees is the Redevelopment committec which deals with Town Planning and Traffic matters. They keep themselves ahead of what is happening in Bromley and try to play an active part in deciding the future of the district
In 1957 the Chamber of Commerce gave evidence at the London Traffic Enquiry and indeed made their own proposals for the by-passing of Bromley at the time. They had foreseen that increasingly heavy use of town centre roads would gradually lead to congestion and a need for more and better car parks.
In fact, the Chamber have always exerted great pressure on the local Council over the provision of car parks and we take some personal pride in the fact that it was partially due to our efforts that Bromley's central car parks are as good as they are.
Seeing that no effort was being made to re-route traffic around the town centre. the committee became interested in the proposals of the Bromley Design Group. The scheme was put to a large meeting of Bromley Hıgh Street traders who stuck to their guns and passed an overwhelming vote in favour of the Chamber's original plans-now nearly thirty years old.
The Committee are most disturbed to see that the Draft Town Centre Map. produced in the days of the former Bromley duced in the days of the former Bromley Council. has neether been "ondrawn nor finally approved. If is sus the shelf apparently gathering dust. In the meantime they are pressing hard for it to be with drawn.
Another matter which has kept the committee fully occupied are the ubiquitous yellow lines which are decorating the Borough's kerb-sides. and they are endeavouring to take every possible action where parking restrictions might in any way have a harsh effect on tradesmen and their customers.

## AFFILIATIONS

The Bromley Chamber, like all other Chambers of Commerce and Trade. is affiliated to the National Chamber of Trade. Delegates are sent each year from Bromley to attend the Annual Conference of the National Chamber where resolutions are passed and policies decided upon which directly affect traders throughout the country.
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Snap! Someone is taking your photo. The lucky people who spot their picture ringed in our Notice Board near the Library during the week following the Shopping Week will be the winners of $£ 5$, if they claim it. During the Week the scenes in the shopping areas will no doubt be crowded and our photographer will be taking pictures. It is these pictures that will be used.
September's Baby You may be the lucky parents of the first baby to be born on the 1st September. Parents of this baby will receive a number of gifts donated by local businessmen as set out on this page.
Impact Window As you walk down a street of any town your eyes should be drawn to the shop windows. Some windows you may pass by without a further glance but others will make you stop and look in them. It is for these windows you should vote.

For Rules and detailed information, please see Page 3 of this Supplement.

All prizes will be in the form of vouchers to be spent in Member Shops.

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## BABY OF THE MONTH Competition Prizes

The following traders have promised to donate prizes to the Baby of the Month:

## Nicholsons Ltd.

Sydney Ross \& Co. Ltd.
Aylings Ltd.
G. Weeks \& Son Ltd.

Boots the Chemists
Cramphorn (S.E.) Ltd.
Geo. Hay (of Bromley) Co. Ltd.

Gift set of Bootees and Bib. Baby Walker.
Pair of Clarks Infant's Red Playland Bar Shoes.
£1 1s. 0d.
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## BRIDE OF THE MONTH Competition Prizes

The following traders have promised to donate prizes to the lucky Bride :
Nicholsons Ltd.
London Electricity Board
Sylvan Restaurant
A. S. Avis \& Son

Denhill Ltd.
Robert Morley \& Co. Ltd. Leslie Davis Ltd.
Chic Coiffure
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Dunmall Bros.

Cookery Book.
Hoover Steam Iron.
Bottle of Champagne.
Pair of Sheets.
One year's free insurance of contents of house.
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## DETAILS OF COMPETITIONS

## IMPACT WINDOW COMPETITION

This competition is divided into two sections, each section carrying first and second prizes of $£ 30$ and $£ 15$ respectively.
You are asked to complete both or either of the two lists on the Entry Form. You should mark in order of your preference (I. 2, 3, 4) the traders whose windows have had the greatest impact on you. From 4 to 1 points, according to the order in which they are placed by you will be awarded to the traders whose windows you select. The number of points awarded to each trader will then be totalled and thus the overall first and second placings in each section will be determined. First prize in each section will go to the entry which matches this selection or is nearest thereto, the second prize going to the next nearest.

The Isard Cup will be presented to the Town Centre trader receiving the most number of points, the Paramor Cup going to the trader in an outlying area with the most number of points.

Traders in each section receiving the second and third largest number of points will be suitably recognised.

## BRIDE OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

All entries received will be placed in a sealed container. The winning entry will be drawn by a well-known independent local personality.

The bride and/or bridegroom must have been resident in the oid Borough of Bromley, excluding the postal district of Hayes, for a period of at least three years and the marriage must take place within the same area.

## BABY OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

Gifts as set out under this heading will be presented to the parents of the first baby born on the 24th September, 1966 in the old Borough of Bromley, excluding the postal district of Hayes, according to the official records.

Parents are requested to apply if they think they are eligible.
No prize winners will be announced in the case of either of the last two competitions without the consent of the parties concerned.

## RINGED PHOTOGRAPHS COMPETITION

In the week following the Golden Jubilee Week, 24th September to 1 st October, there will be displayed on the Chamber's Notice Board adjoining the Public Library in the High Street a selection of photographs taken in the shopping areas of Bromley during the celebration Week. A number of heads in these photographs will be ringed round. If you spot a pholograph with your head ringed round, you may claim a prize voucher by sending your name, address and, if possible. telephone number on a postcard to the Hon. Secretary, Bromley Chamber of Commerce, Midland Bank Chambers, Bromley, to arrive not later than 8th October, 1966, when all claims will be checked before the official prize-giving.

## WHERE DOES SHE WORK? COMPETITION

There are pictures of twelve young ladies who work at Business Premises in and around Bromley.

The public are invited to complete the entry form listing where each of the young ladies work.

All that is required is the correct name of the lady and the place of her employment.

The first correct list opened will be declared the winner and the second and third prizes in subsequent order.

## CROSSWORD

Entries should be posted to the Hon. Secretary as set out in the rules. (See centre of page.)

THE PRIZE-GIVING and final celebration party will take the form of a Wine and Cheese Party at the Crooked Billet. Southborough Lane. Bromley at 8 p.m. on the 13 th October. Limited number of tickets are available from Council Members at 5s. each. Prize winners will be admitted free. Early application for tickets is advised. Jack Winters will be at the piano.

## Where Does She Work? ENTRY FORM

| No. | Name of girl | Name of firm where employed |
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In my opinion the above entry form sets out where each girl works.

I have read the rules applying to the competition and am over the age of sixteen years.

Name

Address
Telephone No.

## Impact Window Competition ENTRY FORM

My selection of the windows with the greatest impact is as follows:

## Town Centre


(You may enter for both or either section.)
I have read and agree to be bound by the Rules of the Competition, as set out on page 2. I am over sixteen years of age.

Signed
Address
Telephone No.


## CLUES ACROSS

1. One of seven. but for some. a half (9)
Links in the commercial world? (5. 2, 6)

Litile Timothy comes back, so I can send him away again (5)
Six in the middle of a turn out Six i
(5)
Give
13. Give a direction to find a herb (5)
6. Sounds like he has found the cquipment. or tells his dog to look (4-2)
17. A weapon to get rid of a parent? (3-3)
Come in! (5)
19. A little terror gets involved in a smiling feature (6)
20. Where you'll find the dutiful captain $(2,4)$
21. Push the stick for a classical sculpior (5)
24. He'll never settle down (5)
26. A very loud noise in the gentle breezes? (5)
27. Where the ticking crocodile swims near Bromley? (5. 4. 4)
28. A day at the races. with no luck in writing $(5,4)$

## CLUES DOWN

2. The editor starts to make an important decision (5)
3. The common sense of an Oriental? (6)
4. There's nothing between a saint and a man to indicate a felony (6)
5. What's it all about? (5)
6. What every sensible Bromley trader should be (7.6) layn Shase (6, 4) ing around? (6, 3. 4)
7. A gift around onc's inner self

Phone us with thanks in time for a knock out formula (2 3. 4) puts one in power (9)
3. Sounds like cattle in control of the car (5)
4. Edward's "gone" and "got the message" (5)
Protective wear
22 Send away for a standard of production? (6)
23. A domestic implement is involved in Iwisted fate (6)
25. Somet hing coming out of a pipe in the night? (5)
26. The News Agency heads through in producing a common commodity (5)

## Bride of the Month Competition ENTRY FORM

Name of prospective bride
For official usit
Name of prospective bridegroom
We are getting married on
1966
Checked by:
(commmed from page 5)
retained possession of the Manor House, much to the disgust of Mr. Skinner who rushed back to the Lords with his protests of unfair treatment.
On May 16 a further order was issued, giving a three-day ultimatum to the Bishop to hand over the Manor House. This was done, and Skinner was installed as Lord of the Manor of Bromley, where he remained until the Restoration in 1660 .

In that year, Dr. Warner was put back into his old home, where he lived out the final years of his life in peace

Some of the public houses which still stand in Bromley were beginning to creep into the written records. Among the more prominently mentioned were the Bell, the Cross Keyes, the White Hart, the Tiger's Head, the Plough and the Crooked Billet.

Of these. the greatest by far were the Royal Bell and the White Hart.

They stood on the same straggling road which ran from London to the Kent coast and which followed the approximate line of our present High Street. Both stood flush with the road and were the great social centres of their day. In the middle of the High Street was the Market Square, focal point of the district over the centuries. Here, in 1685, James II was proclaimed King by William Rooke of Canterbury, sheriff of the County.

Throughout the 18 th century Bromley continued to grow and, with the growth in population and wealth, came a corresponding increase in crime. The Bromley district was a wellknown hive of smugglers, highwaymen and cut-purses. Only the most intrepid of characters would walk alone across Chislehurst and coaches travelling from London to Kent were often held up and their occupants relieved of their purses.

Punishment, of course, was swift and fatal The gallows were often in business on Bromley Hill and Chislehurst Hill-favourite spots for highwaymen.

A call to arms came with the success of Napoleon's campaigns across Europe, and Bromley rushed to answer. In 1798 at the Parish church, seventy men enlisted in the Bromley Armed Association, lead by one George Norman who became their Captain.

In 1803 the Bromley Volunteer Muster Rolls showed that the force consisted of the officers, plus sixty-seven non-commissioned officers. Later, when the Crimean War broke out, Bromley again answered the call and the various Kent Companies became famous.

It was during this century that Bromley largely transcended from a country town into a flourishing suburb. The straggling High Street started to fill up with shops which had their headquarters in London-the first of the multiples. In 1801 the population stood at 2,700 and a century later it had boomed to over 33,000.

Perhaps the primary cause of this growth was the advent of the railway system. Where the coaches had once rumbled into the town. putting up at either the spacious White Hart Hotel, or else the luxurious Royal Bell-mentioned by Jane Austin in "Pride and Prejudice"
-the first railway station, at Bromley South, brought London to the doorsteps.

Even before Bromley South, Shortlands could aspire to have been the first railway station in the area. On May 3, 1858 a large crowd gathered on Martins Hill to witness the
greatest miracle of the generation, the departure of the 8.40 a.m. train from Shortlands to Pimlico.

Later that year, the Mid-Kent Railway Company opened their line through Beckenham and Bromley South to St. Mary Cray. This was eventually extended down to the coast, and Bromley became one of the most important stops en route.

It was not until twenty years later that a branch line was constructed from Grove Park to Bromley North on the Charing Cross to Dover line and Bromley had the important distinction of being a two-station town.

The young H. G. Wells, born in the High Street in 1866, saw the growth of the area, and thought precious little of it. His childhood dreams clung on to the open spaces and rolling fields which once stretched from Bromley right the way to Croydon. Not for him was the ugly railway line which now stretched through his fields; the once mighty River Ravensbourne in which his father caught the last recorded trout now becoming a mere trickle of his former glory; the multiple stores and the noise of engines.

But for others it was an inevitable growth, it was all in the name of the god Progress.
In the years just before the birth of young

Wells, the Town Hall was being built on the Market Square. Bromley moved off the High Street and the other main roads were in regular use. The Magistrates' Court was dispensing Justice, doing away with the centuries-old traditional Fairs and even cancelling out the old Bromley Market. Thanks to Queen Victoria the Royal Charter granting the one-day market in Bromley was renewed, and Bromley Market to this day operates under her seal.
Big residential areas had sprung up in Plaistow, Sundridge, Shortlands and Widmore. Roads were widened and Bromley rushed headlong into the 20th century, shoplights blazing and automobiles roaring.
East Street and West Street, Tweedy Road and College Road, and all the conglomeration of side streets sprang to life. The Public Library was doing big business-but, so was the fire station. In 1903 the Charter of Incorporation was handed over to Bromley and, with a population approaching 40,000 , Bromley got its first Council and Mayor.

Bromley was in its adolescence, moving from the infancy of a tiny country village, through the childhood of a market town into its bloom as the important commercial centre which it is today.

## BROMLEY-AS IT IS NOW!

By an Act of Parliament finalised in 1965, Bromley moved into a new era, that of London Borough of Bromley, with the former Bromley as its centre of control. Although it remains geographically in the County of Kent, it now becomes administratively a part of Greater London, passing over to the Greater London Council certain aspects of its administration, but retaining control of the vast majority of local legislation and day-to-day running.

Its setting, ideally between the commercial life of London and the tranquility of the Kent countryside and coast has made it one of the most desirable residential suburbs of the Metropolis.

Still it is growing, with new estates springing up, new shops moving in and new buildings soaring up to overlook the past.

On the entertainments side, Bromley boasts a multitude of clubs for sport and recreation, two thriving cinemas and the Bromley New Theatre, one of the best repertory theatres in the suburbs. Already there are plans in an advanced stage for a $£ 850,000$ modernisation with a new library and theatre on the High Street. Government policy may delay this project. but it is something which will come eventually
The open parks in Bromley such as Queens Recreation Ground and the Whitehall Recreation Ground give room for the youngsters to play, while the tranquility of Library Gardens makes it a popular spot for a quiet seat in the sunshine.

Commerce has boomed within Bromley, and with it the Chamber of Commerce has grown over the past 50 years. Bromley High Street now contains an ideal cross-section of stores offering almost anything you can get in the West End-and a little cheaper at that. At the same time the local shopping centres in places
like Shortlands, Chatterton Road, Widmore. Burnt Ash Lane and Sundridge offer local residents that essential personal service which must become the hall-mark of the small trader if he is to continue in today's world of multiple stores and self-service.

Industry too has come to Bromley, though the area is not renowned as a great centre of industrial growth. Nevertheless we have companies such as Sheridan Machinery and the Self Adhesive Sign Company who have carried the name of Bromley throughout the world with their export sales.

These firms, plus the many local shops, offices and public services give employment to thousands of others who would otherwise join the vast majority of Bromley residents commuting to the centre of London to business.
They play an essential part in retaining Bromley as a trading centre in its own right.

With the gradual de-centralisation of industry. Bromley has been chosen by the Telephone Manager's Office as an ideal situation for its new Regional Headquarters and their tower block now stands over the southern entrance to the High Street, offering yet more employment to residents and bringing yet more trade to the Borough.
The population boom and the general increase of affluence has brought in its wake the motor car and even the two car family. This has meant a drastic reappraisal of Bromley's roads, car parking system and facilities. Our car parks are barely sufficient, but they are a lot more spacious than can be found in most London Boroughs. There is still room for improvement and the local Council are, one hopes, awake to this fact.

Indeed, car parking and the consequent imposition of parking restrictions has been the centre of tremendous controversy in Bromley.

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East Street traders wish to remind all readers of this magazine that their street has always been proud of the service it has provided for the town. It can also lay claim to the fact that throughout the years, it has played a prominent part in the activities and, indeed, the growth of the town in maintaining its healthy state as a commercial centre. It has contributed to the prosperity of the district generally.

Today, East Street is still a street of personalities where the customers refer not so much to the shop, but rather to the family who owns it. It is this personality that enables the street to work together to meet public demands, and the firms listed extend to all readers the promise of good honest trading with family service.

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As a thriving centre, Bromley bears a heavy burden as far as road traffic is concerned and in this transitional stage everybody is keeping a wary eye on the moves which Bromley Council are taking to deal with it.
Education is in the throes of re-organisation and Bromley has come up with its own planthe "Welbourne Plan", named after our Chief Education Officer Mr. G. V. Welbourne. This plan will offer parents a choice of two types of secondary school for their children, one ending at 16 years of age and the other at 18 years of age. There is much to commend this system, but there are also some very informative voices speaking out against it-some wanting a totally comprehensive education system and others wanting to see our present system retained. Either way, the eventual choice will lie in the hands of the Ministry, but all parents should acquaint themselves with the plan and make their voices heard.

Schools and Parks fill up most of the day for Bromley youngsters-though parents at holiday time must feel that not all the Parks in Britain could be sufficient to cater for their young ones.

For the visitor to Bromley, the area abounds in places of historical interest. The Parish Church dates back to the 13th century and the church tower still dates back to the 14th century having survived a re-building of the church in 1792 and a heavy bombing in 1941

Founded in 1666 and reputedly designed by Christopher Wren, Bromley College in London Road was originally built to house the widows of clergymen. At the time, the Charter specified "indigent" widows, but times have changed. Still the College remains a place of great interest for history and architecture lovers.

The building which perhaps bears the longest history is Bromley Palace, now parl of the Stockwell teachers' training college. This goes
back in writing to the 800 s, but in later passed into the hands of the Bishops of Rochester. In 1775 the Palace was rebuilt and despite the change of use, part of the old Palace remains standing as the centrepiece of the College. Behind it lies a most attractive lawn and the boating lake.
Church architecture is a study on its own and, apart from the Parish church. Bromley abounds in old and attractive church buildings. Among the ones worth a visit are St. John's in Park Road. St. Andrew's in Burnt Ash Lane and St. Mary's in College Road.
All around Bromley are places of great historical interest. The Parish Church of St. George in Beckenham dates back to Saxon times and the lych gate which was put up in the 13th century is reputed to be the oldest lych gate in England.
In Penge and Anerley the grounds of the old Crystal Palace exhibition centre now house a park, a lake, a children's zoo and a race track. Still standing are the huge statues of prehistoric monsters which look implacably on at today's world. just as they gazed at the blazing mass when the huge exhibition hall burned to the ground.
West Wickham, among other things. boasts Wickham Court. the 15 th century home of the Lord of the Manor with its tall Tudor chimneys and a veritable cocktail of architectural styles.
At Hayes Place, Hayes. Britain's only father-and-son Prime Ministers, Pitt the elder and younger, lived. William Pitt the elder, Earl of Chatham, died there in 1728 and his son continued to live there during his term of office.
On Hayes Common several archaeological remains of Roman occupation have been discovered, evidence that the Romans came and saw even if they did not stop to conquer Bromley.
In Bromley Common the most interesting
sight is a look into the future and the large 56acre site where Norman Park is soon to lie. This will eventually be one of the best parks in the whole of the south of England and we are all anxious to see its gates open.

Sundridge Park is synonymous with its famous Golf Club. On the links of the two 18 -hole courses which lie between Sundridge Park and Elmstead Woods stands the beautiful 18th century mansion which is now the headquarters of the Sundridge Park Management Centre. For lovers of architecture. this is a must.
Chislehurst today stands as a permanent reminder of its past. Of all the areas of Bromley, this perhaps is the one which has been least spoiled by modernisation. It still retains a great deal of the village atmosphere which it has enjoyed for centuries, and its Common, protected by Royal Charter, is one of the most attractive walks within easy distance of the centre of Bromley. Its famous Caves which once stretched as far as Blackheath are still open to the public. The guide will tell you tales of smugglers and ghosts, at no exira charge.
Still within the Borough, Orpington and St. Mary Cray abound in historical interest, their roles of prominence as trading centres having been reversed by the process of time.
Further afield, at Downe village. you might be taking a step right back into history or on to a medieval film set. Downe is probably one of the most beautiful villages around Bromley and, for additional interest there is Downe House, home of Downe's most prominent former citizen, Charles Darwin.
All around Bromley is this history and countryside, much more than could possibly be listed in this article. Let nobody say that there is nowhere interesting to go in Bromley.

Biggin Hill conjures up memories of World War II and the Battle of Britain. Even today. the gates of the R.A.F. station are guarded by
the Hurricane and Spitfire which took our country through to the victory of the sky. The field itself is still used. primarily by local flying clubs. but its future is far from assured and this will be one of the big topics of news during the next few months.

Bromley's links with the past, then are many and varied, while it retains two feet firmly emplanted in the commerce, industry and life of the 20 th century.

The administration of this great area falls to the lot of the new London Borough of Bromley Council. and organisation which is rightly criticised for many things. should equally rightly be praised for many others and should just as rightly be watched in everything it does.

Bromley Town Hall now stands at the junction of Tweedy Road and Widmore Road. just a stones throw from the original Town Hall in the Market Square.

Since the re-organisation of local government there have been some big upheavals, and now the administrative departments are scattered all over the Borough. Though this decentralisation has a few advantages. it is undoubtedly a draw back to quick and efficient management. Where once the Borough Engineer could stroll down the corridor to the Town Clerk. this now involves a telephone call or a car journey.

There is plenty of money in Bromley. The rate is now 12 s . in the $£ 1$ and, with a rateable value of $£ 15.648 .119$ our penny rate produces $£ 63.960$.

The various departments are now housed in Bromley. Beckenham. Penge and Orpington Town Halls, Chislehurst's former administralive centre of Sidcup having gone over to the new London Borough of Bexley, though Chislehurst itself came into Bromley.

Council meetings are held in the Bromley Town Hall every six weeks and the majority of the proceedings are open to the public.

Our Education department. which operates with a great extent of autonomy, is housed at Sunnymead in Bromley Lane. Chislehurst. It is here that work is busily going on in preparing the great change over of the secondary education system.

Bromley itself is covered by two local newspapers, the Bromley Advertiser with its Headquarters in Croydon, and the Bromley and Kentish Times. whose Headquarters are in neighbouring Sidcup. In addition to these. the London evening newspapers carry regular coverage of all the major events in the Borough.

As for the future. Bromley's role will probably remain one of a major shopping centre and a major residential suburb of London. It will continue to grow at its present fantastic rate, with large private development and, we hope. an equally large Council housing development. Despite its integration into Greater London, it will always retain its own individual characteristics.

So. all you residents of Bromley. there is much to see and much to do in Bromley. This is a great Borough and it is well worth laking an interest in everything that is happening around us - after all, we are paying for much of it in our annual rates and anybody with any sense wants to know what he is paying for and wants to make the best possible use of the facilities which are at his disposal.


When comparing the changing face of Bromley this view of the Bromley College of Art will certainly not meet everyone's taste.

## WHERE DOES SHE WORK?



ROSALIND SPERRY

## CIVIC TRUST

On other pages of this book you will realise how much Bromley has changed over the last fifty years and in particular. over the last ten years. Many of the old features of the High Sireet are now tolally unrecognisable and whether we like it or unrecognisable and whether we like it or
not this is the modern trend. It is a pity if all the past should be destroyed or be allowed to become dilapidated.
It was in order to prevent this that Mr Duncan Sandys formed the Civic Trust. with the idea of rehabilitating the old. A with the idea of rehabilitating the old. A
pioneer Scheme was carried out at Norponeer Scheme was carried out at Nor-
wich and a number of other towns have wich and a nu
followed suil.
The Bromley Chamber of Commerce have always shown interest in such a project and it was with pleasure that they were able to co-operate with the Local Council over a Scheme in Bromley. Because of its position and original charm. Easi Sireet was chosen. Much hard work went into the project. Which took over two years from the time it was first started until it was
opened by the Mayor. All this hard work was justified by the many favourable comments received and we believe that a lot of the street's position in the town is due to the Civic Trust Scheme.
These Schemes mean much more than a re-paint. both to the traders and their customers. From the Iraders' point of view they undoubtedly make for a community spirit in a small area, and since the Civic Trust Scheme East Sireet have had a hardworking Committee, who have devised working Committee, who have devised advertisements for East Strect in the Local Press and Christmas illuminations. The individual traders are that much stronger because they work logether as a unit in making such representations as they may wish.
We are pleased to say thatt it is hoped a further Scheme will be implemented in due course in Chatterton Road. Who have already formed their own Committee. and indeed last Christmas ran their own street lighting scheme.


EILEEN LORD

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## HISTORY OF BROMLEY CHAMBER

OF COMMERCE
the Bombed Churches Fund in particular. lt also gave impetus to the promotion of further adventuring. first to a magnificent Continental Ball and Carnival al the Royal Bell Hotel, which was taken over by the Chamber and transformed into what cemed some exotic spot in the South of France with bits of Spain and laly thrown for oood measure. This was also a remendous success, resulting in further reful sums for Charity and in turn providing ving the means, te Cher with the procecd saceng Mo Old Bromley Marker. to enable another shopping exhibition with fun fair and side hows to be slaged on Qucens Mead as part of the Coronation celebrations, known as Coronade.

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With a full-time staff, the National Chamber are able to answer questions and are able to deal promiptly with enquiries from individual Chambers and therr members.

On the local level. liaison is maintained by an Area Committee, Bromley being represented on an Area Committee which represented on an Area Commitiee
Even more local is the Liaison Committee which deals solely with the Greater London Borough of Bromley. Here repreLondon Borough of Bromley. Here repre sentalives of all the individual Chambers in the new Borough can meet and discuss matters which specifically aftect our Bor ough. Among the matters often referred to them are questions of rates, large-scale planning proposals and local bye-laws.

Finally, the Chamber can approach Parliament direct, through the local Member of Parliament Mr. John Hunt, who has always taken an interest in matters affect ing the Chamber and its members
At all levels. the Bromley Chamber serves its members to the best of its ability

## STRUCTURE

The interests of the Bromley Chamber of Commerce's many members are protected by an annually elected Council of fifteen members. In addition to the fifteen there are a number of Past-Presidents, who are ex-officio members of the Council

In practice, the amount of work to be done is far more than the Council can cope with as one body, so it is split up into a number of smaller committees such as Membership. Redevelopment and General Purposes. As with the normal Borough Council, these committees have certain delegated powers but in the main their

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function is to debate matters in detail hefore reporting or recommending action to the Council.
In the Chair at Council meetıngs is the President who. during his year of office. holds the coveted Presidential Badge On his retirement from the Chair he is presented with a small replica of the badge as a permanent momento of his year of efice
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Decisions made by the Council are passed on to the members via the Chamlocal newspapers and the Chamber's Quarterly General Meeting, held at the Crooked Billet in Southborough Lane.

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There are seventy Council seats on the local Council. seats on the local Council. Oen and sixty Councillors. The men and Sixty Councillors. The present aray $\mathrm{F}^{\text {G }}$ V Bromicy is Councilo Mayor Aldand he Deputy Mayor. Alderman Mrs. A. L. Gunn.

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CIVIC TRUST
Time can be both a great healer and a great destroyer.

Much of Bromiey has changed over the years. Many of the features of our presen day High Street would hewilder the visitor from yesteryear but. whether we like it or not. we must bow to new trends and to modern ideas. At the same time there is much in the old which is worth preserving. which should not be allowed to crode away and vanish under the advancing fee of progress.
It was in order to prevent this that the Civic Trust was formed by former Ministe Duncan Sandys. Tried out in Norwich, it


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blended the old with the new and was such a success that other towns started applying Civic Trust schemes in their own shopping centres.
The Bromley Chamber of Commerce have always been interested in this scheme and it was a great opportunity to be taken when the Chamber and the local Council decided to co-operate in a Civic Trust project for East Sireet. Bromley. Much hard work went into this over a period of two years. but it was well rewarded by the comments which were made following the official opening by the then Mayor of Bromley. There were also some criticisms and all these will be borne in mind for future Civic Trust developments in the Borough.

The population of our Borough is growing every day. as our Maternity Hospitals will verify. The population as February last year stood al 305.540 .

East Street traders would be the first to acknowledge that part of their success has been due to the Civic Trust scheme.

For this scheme is more than just a coat of paint. 11 makes the trader a more integral part of the community. blending in as he does with his fellow tradesmen. while
for the customer it gives an impression of harmony and unity in his shopping centre. This comradeship of traders has worked well in East Street. Ever since they were brought closely together under the wing of the Civic Trust scheme they have formed one of the hardest working and most respected traders' committees in the Borough. organising Christmas illuminations and joint advertisements in the local Press. Strength in unity has become the motio of East Street.
The next scheme may well be carried out in Chaticrton Road. This shopping area. we feel sure, is ideally suited to development under the Civic Trust. It is a closelyknit shopping community and could follow East Street in its example of how 10 grow logether. They have already formed their own committee which last Christmas organised its own street lighting scheme.
We the first of We hope schemes for Chatterion Road many such sell succeed in every way just as and that in will succeed in every way. just as East Street has succeeded al a tume when traders were having their doubts
The old is not forgotten, but neither is the new ignored. Instead they are blended to the benefit, we hope. of all.

Bromley Borough has four epresentatives on the Greater London Council. They are Mrs. B. D. Barham. Mrs. E. G. Beccher-Bryant. Mr. V. S. H. Mitchell and Mr. R. J. Turner.

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C. Lownds Avenue car park
D. Elmfield Road car park
E. Multi-storey car park

1. Sundridge Park
2. Southborough Lane
3. Chatterton Road
4. Hastings Road
5. Hayesford Park
6. Shortlands
7. Burnt Ash
8. College Road
9. Widmore Green
10. Holmesdale Road






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