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# STREET PARTY

## Pagoda, Selwyn & Beaumont Avenue Residents

Dear neighbour

I'm dropping you a note to see if you would be in favour of Pagoda & Selwyn & Beaumont Avenue holding a street party this June, as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

The last time that a street party was held here was in the summer of 1996, to mark the Avenue's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. For those of us who were here at the time, it was a really memorable and happy day, blazing hot, with the roads free of traffic and the children able to play all day outside, with a supper held down the length of the road in the evening, and a band playing. There were lots of races and competitions and chances to meet the neighbours.

A group of us thought it would be good to hold a similar event this summer, given that there is a long bank holiday weekend from June 2 to 5.

This note is really to assess the level of interest from residents in holding such a party again. We would have to decide whether we wanted a party for a whole day or part of it, whether everyone is willing to have the roads closed to traffic and park their cars elsewhere for the day, or whether people would only want an evening or lunch celebration. Please complete the form below to so we can judge local opinion.

If there is a substantial majority in favour, then we can apply to Richmond Council for permission to close the road.

There are several points to consider, please see the council website for information and ideas.

[http://www.richmond.gov.uk/street\\_party\\_application\\_form\\_final\\_for\\_web28feb11.doc](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/street_party_application_form_final_for_web28feb11.doc)

### **Road closure**

The major consideration would be the closure of the roads, emergency vehicles would still need access. The council would need to assess the request and look at alternative routes for traffic. In 1996, Beaumont and Selwyn were closed to traffic, with cars unable to enter from the Kew Road at the Selwyn Avenue end.

### **Noise**

Another consideration would be noise and it may be that residents would wish the event to end by 9pm or earlier. In 1996 we had music and dancing and the event finished at 11pm

### **Food**

1996 there was a children's tea party in Selwyn Avenue and in the evening everyone brought garden chairs and tables into the street for shared dinner. Would everyone be happy in providing their own food and drink and sharing, or would we want a kitty to buy supplies?

### **Insurance**

A private party for residents only, does not necessarily need insurance, but consideration would need to be given to the option of having insurance.

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**Organisation**

We would need a small organising group to take this forward, and the Council application would need to be submitted within the next four weeks in order to obtain Council approval for June

**Cost**

There would be some small costs and we would need to raise funds in advance possibly by having a fund raising event.

In order to gauge the level of interest could we please ask you to respond to the following questions and return the form to one of the addresses below.

1. Are you in favour of holding a street party in Pagoda, Selwyn & Beumont Avenue on June 3, 4 or 5?    YES    NO
2. If yes, which day would you prefer? Please circle the one you would prefer.  
JUNE 3, 4, 5.
3. Would you be willing to support the closure of our roads for all or part of the day?  
YES    NO
4. If yes, would you be prepared to park your car elsewhere during the day?  
YES    NO
5. Would you be willing to join an organising committee or offer help leading up to the event or on the day? YES    NO

Please add any other comments here or write your email address if you are happy to receive a return email from us.

Please return by 27th January so that we can decide whether this is a feasible proposal.

My email address is [siobhan.webb@btopenworld.com](mailto:siobhan.webb@btopenworld.com) if you would like me to email the form to you. You can email this back to me or drop it into my home at 46 Pagoda Avenue.

Other contact Susanne Blankemeyer 45 Pagoda Avenue email@xyandz.net

Best wishes, Siobhan Webb at 46, & Susanne Blankemeyer, at 45 Pagoda Avenue

NAME:

ADDRESS (House Number & Street):

Email Address &/or Telephone number: