



**The Brentham Club**  
Centenary Year  
1911 - 2011

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Owned by the members since its inception and in trust to the local community, the Club was opened by the Duke and Duchess of Connaught on May 14 in 1911 (the Duke was a son of Queen Victoria). Over the years it has been patronised by the likes of Fred Perry (a plaque for which is being unveiled during the summer celebrations), Mike Brearley (England Cricket captain) and more recently, Peter Crouch (Tottenham and England football) and it continues to attract sports and social members from all walks of life in North Ealing and the surrounding area.

And on the 14 May 2011, it will celebrate its first 100 years of existence with a Grand Open Day alongside the annual May Day Pageantry which takes place during the day. Open to all and free to enter from 11am, there will be lots to attract and entertain family, friends and kids alike such as:

- The spectacular release of hundreds of balloons over the club
- Traditional children's games
- A Tug -of-War
- Children's disco
- All of the various sports sections will be there to show you around, let you try your hand at their sport and answer any questions you may have about the club all free of charge!
- Beer tent and BBQ

And so, who are we older than.....?

- Older than Alan Titchmarsh, but no less an idyllic garden in the heart of London and perhaps Ealing's best kept secret
- Older than Picasso, but no less vibrant, colourful, complex, fun and a little odd at times
- Older than Dr. Pilates, but no less a place to keep fit and enjoy tennis, football, cricket, snooker, darts, bowls and bridge, to name but 7 activities thriving at the club, plus classes in yoga, art and even pilates itself are run each week
- Older than the time it has been since we had a British male Wimbledon Single Champion, and Fred Perry, our last champion began his career at the Brentham Club in the 1920s and 30s. Perhaps Andy Murray could join the club to help his chances
- Older than Mr. Magoo, who will no less, raise his hat to the Elders of the Brentham estate for creating such an oasis of pleasure for the local community for the past 100 years
- And older than 'Coronation Street', though no less filled with kids, adults, mums and dads bringing humour, charm and a sense of community to this little part of England
- Now for the next 100 years!