



■ Hands around the lake at Court Lodge, Randwick. Below, four-year-old Barnaby Whittaker joined in with his family. Photos: Paul Nicholls

# Whit tradition revived <sup>1/6/98</sup>

NEARLY 200 people turned out to revive an ancient Randwick tradition which has not been celebrated for sixty years.

Organisers Margaret and Allan Smith were delighted with the response and are considering making the Whitsun Treat an annual event again.

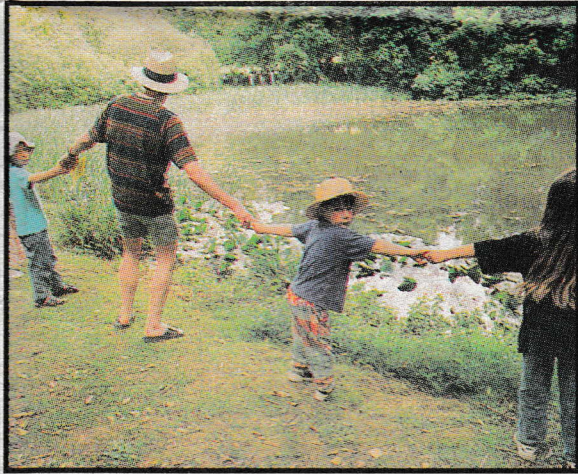
Mr Smith said: "It went really well and if we don't do it next year, we will certainly do it in the Year 2000.

"But we will probably make it annual."  
The Randwick

Historical Association, of which Mr Smith is a member, unearthed the tradition which seems to have disappeared in the 1930s.

Until then, Sunday School children, their parents and friends celebrated Whit Sunday by following a drum beat through the village before forming a circle around a lake in what is now the Smith's garden.

They joined hands and sang hymns and then the whole village enjoyed themselves at a vast picnic.



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