

## BALSALL HEATH LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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### BRUNSWICK ROAD CORONATION PARTY

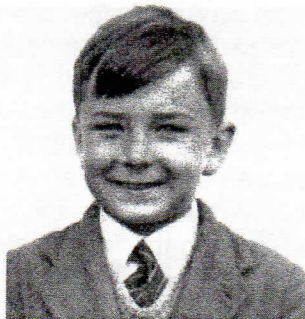
This picture, courtesy of Ted Porter, was brought along to our January Members' Evening. Greeting Ted and the happy royalists is Councillor Percy Shurmer. Percy was born in 1888 in Cheltenham; the family moved to Birmingham when Percy was young. He was educated at St Albans School Highgate 1893 to 1895 and then St Pauls Worcester 1895 to 1901. Presumably this school was St Pauls, Vincent Street.

Percy never forgot his working class upbringing and never moved from his home at 140 Belgrave Road. Every year he held a Christmas party at the Town Hall for under privileged children. He was also

the prime mover in starting a fund to provide boots for those children in need; these children becoming known as "Percy's Sparrows".



### MISS WHITE IN THE CLASSROOM WITH THE RULER



David Foy wrote to say thanks for his copy of "Tales Out Of School". He went to Dennis Road School in the 1950's (and from there to Bordesley Green Tech.) At Dennis Road David recalls: "...Being smacked really hard on my bare legs with a ruler by Miss White because I wasn't sitting right!"



Pat and Albert add that David lived at 400 Ladypool Road above his parents' drycleaners called Dales. Today number 400 is home to Ladypool Wines Cellar.