

Leisure: Activity 7 - Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee

TEACHERS' NOTES

Learning Objectives

- Discover some of the activities children took part in during Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 1897
- Develop children's research skills in using historical sources, in particular photographs, and text supported by audio

Cross-curricular Links

- Art
- ICT
- Literacy

Sources



Source 1. Diamond Jubilee celebrations, Crawley, 1897



Source 2. Diamond Jubilee celebrations, Crawley, 1897



Source 3a. Extracts from a pamphlet: *Worthing Diamond Jubilee Celebrations: Commemoration at Worthing*, (Walter Paine, 1897)



Source 3b. Audio version of Source 3a



Source 4. Diamond Jubilee Celebration Procession, South Street, Worthing, 1897



Source 5. Diamond Jubilee Parade, High Street, Steyning, 1897



Source 6. Jubilee Arch, London Road, Bognor Regis, 1897

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Source 1

The girls are wearing fancy dresses representing different queens of the ages, including Queen Victoria in the centre.

Source 2

These children are wearing also wearing fancy dress. Some are representing different countries of the British Empire (boy with Australian slouch hat, girls wearing Indian decorations on their foreheads, boys wearing turbans, girl with a fan and Chinese teapot). Others represent Britannia (centre back row), possibly Bo Peep (standing on left), and possibly King George III (centre front).

Sources 3 and 4

The pamphlet describes the children taking part - over 1,000 girls, and 2,400 children in total. The girls wore white with coloured sashes, and the boys wore sashes and caps of various colours.

In the park, the crowd watched the mayor plant a Jubilee tree, and were entertained by a band playing, and a variety show. The children were given tea, cakes and buns.

Source 4 shows some of the girls with uniforms and flags

Source 5

The parade in Steyning is led by the Fire Brigade's horse-drawn wagon with firemen in uniform and brass helmets, followed by dignitaries wearing sashes and rosettes, a brass band in uniform and with instruments, and men carrying large banners of different friendly societies. Women and children watch from the pavement. Note the clothing - Men, women and children all wear hats or caps. Banners read "God Save the Queen" and "1837-1897, 60 not out".

Source 6

The Jubilee arch in Bognor was decorated with ivy, lights and flags. Similar arches were often erected to commemorate visits by Royalty or other public events.

A man with collar and tie, hat and watch chain is standing with several women and children, all wearing hats or caps. A workman wearing cap, jacket and waistcoat, and smoking a pipe, stands in right background.