

## Leisure: Activity 7 - Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee

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Extracts from a pamphlet *Worthing Diamond Jubilee Celebrations: Commemoration at Worthing*, 1897, by Walter Paine

The thousands of happy children who sang, with all the fervour of youthful enthusiasm, the National Anthem, under the shadow of the Town Hall, will dwell, in after years, with pride and pleasure on the part which they played on that august occasion. Their children, in turn, will hear from their lips how a loyal and united people rejoiced when the good Queen had completed the sixtieth year of a glorious reign. ...

### **The Procession**

The children from all the elementary schools in the town assembled soon after 9am, at the corner of Shelley Road and Liverpool Gardens. Nearly all the girls, numbering considerably over a thousand, were dressed in white, and each one wore crosswise over the bodice the distinguishing sash of the school to which she belonged. The boys also had sashes and caps of various colours, those from Christ Church being preceded by their detachment of the Church Lads' Brigade bearing miniature rifles, and those of the National School, Richmond Road, by an imposing body of youthful Beef-eaters arrayed in the most orthodox fashion. In the whole of the proceedings of the day nothing was more successful or more delightful than the parade of the children. ...

It was a happy thought to commence the day with the assembling of the 2400 little ones – the future citizens of a Worthing which is destined to become one of the most delightful resorts in the British Isles. ...

### **In the Park**

Our pretty Public Park was thronged with people early in the afternoon. Here bands were playing, a Jubilee tree was planted by the Mayor, and an excellent variety entertainment was produced ... the children in their thousands were regaled with tea, buns and cakes, which, with other good things, were consumed in prodigious quantities.

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