

Queen Victoria's Jubilee in Birchington

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The completion of the renovation of the Church Tower was in honour of the jubilee.

The streets were decorated with flags in abundance, and the Square looked particularly gay, with its lines of bunting stretching from side to side.

Quex Park entertainment

Over 300 children and staff from the Deaf and Dumb Asylum left Margate East Station in a special train for Birchington and Quex Park. Here a feast was given to them all – who were then entertained on the lawn of the imperious residence at Quex Park. They had an immense jubilee cake weighing 1½ cwt!

Tea for the children and aged poor at Birchington Hall

Mrs Gray, the owner, provided tea for the children – 500 children and 150 old folks – held on the large green in front of Birchington Hall.

The children were grouped in forms at school and then marched from the Square along the Margate Road carrying flags and banners, headed by a pipe and drum band. They sat on the grass for tea. There were sports in the evening. Each child was given a jubilee medal and the old folks had a plate, in remembrance of Her Majesty's Jubilee.

The old folks had a great tea.

Quex Park Band and Bell Ringers.

The ringers met at Waterloo Tower at 8am on jubilee morning, where they performed a peal of Grandsire Triples. At noon 50 rounds were fired on the 12 bells.

A dinner was provided for the ringers by Mr H H Powell-Cotton at the Powell Arms Inn at Birchington Square.