

THE FIRST BIRCHINGTON CARNIVAL

The first Birchington Carnival was held on Thursday 4th August 1932 and was organised by the Birchington Chamber of Commerce. The Gazette reported the following year -

"Birchington's Second Carnival is organised by the Chamber of Commerce, through the Carnival Committee (the first mention of an actual committee) - and the Chairman is Councillor Farrar."

Carnival Day

Morning "Daily Sketch" Sands Designs Competition, which brought forth 75 entries.

Afternoon Welcome to **King Carnival** by the "Mayor and Mayoress" of Birchington - King Carnival was Mr Leslie Fuller, a well-known Margate comedian and the "Mayor" and "Mayoress" characters were performed by two children (Betty Woodland was "Mayoress"). This "Grand Opening Ceremony" took place in the Square, with the special added attraction of the Pedlers' Concert Party.

Evening Carnival Procession and judging.

Music was provided for dancing on the lawns at Grenham Bay by two bands, the Chislet Colliery Prize Band and the Garlinge Wesleyan Silver Band. The highlight of the evening was the Mammoth Firework Display.

Other competitions that took place that day :

1. Best decorated business premises - the prize that year going to E.G. Barrows - Corner House Shop (corner of Crescent Rd.)
2. The best decorated private dwelling
3. The best decorated privately owned vehicle
4. Best ladies' comic costume
5. Best Character in costume

LADY CARSON of Cleve Court Acol, distributed the **prizes**