



Notice Board

► **WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE**

TODAY, 21:00 ON BBC ONE

It's the second episode of "Who do you think you are" with JK Rowling. So if you're busy don't forget to record it or catch up on catch up TV.

www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com

► **Imperial War Museum Website**

The Imperial War Museum archives offer a wealth of material for the family history researcher. If you type in the link below you will see the list of links that may be able to help you with your research.

www.iwm.org.uk/server/show/nav.6

► **Anglo German Family History Society**

The Anglo-German Family History Society is a self-help group for anyone interested in researching the family history of people from the German speaking parts of Europe who have emigrated and settled in the UK

<http://www.agfhs.org.uk/index.html>

Upcoming Visits

Jack The Ripper Walk

We are planning a Jack the Ripper Walk for either 19th or 26th November. Let us know your thoughts!

Victorian Holidays



The Victorians enjoyed their holidays and a trips to the seaside in the summer as it was away from the smog and every day stresses. For the salty sea air was what many doctors would prescribed as a good recipe for many illnesses and diseases that people suffered such as gout, jaundice and Tb. So as you can imagine in the summer months seaside towns such as Weymouth, South End, Blackpool, Bournemouth, Cromer, Weston-super-Mare, Mine head etc would be very busy with families and children relaxing by the sea. Our Victorian ancestors were very good with entertainment at the seaside and many of the seaside traditions are carried on today. Building sand castles with buckets and spades, donkey rides for children, punch and Judy, boat trips, fairgrounds, beach entertainers and musicians. There was plenty to do for families to enjoy their time at the beach and that's without eating traditional fatty seaside foods such as ice cream, fish and chips, candy-floss and cockles and whelks.

It was predominantly the Victorian era that saw the British coastline undergo significant changes, with the first ever widespread, large-scale expansion of seaside resorts taking place during this time. The seaside town was the one place that working classes relished the opportunity to enjoy the same benefits as their upper class counterparts did. Amusement parks, arcades and promenade strolls became accessible to all and this made it hugely popular.



Victorian Bathing Machines

The Victorian bathing machine was made for the Victorians allowing people to wade in the ocean at the beaches without violating Victorian notions of modesty. The bathing machine looked like a very small wooden house on wheels that had small windows and had a roof and a door. The idea of the bathing machine was to prevent the bather from being seen by anyone else whilst getting to and from the water and vice versa. When the bather had finished and was ready to come back to shore a flag would be raised from the bathing machine which signalled them to come in. How times have changed!

Southend pier

The pier was designed by James Brunlees, who had built the first iron pier at Southport in 1860. Southend pier was completed in November 1897 and formally opened the following January. The pier is by far the longest pleasure pier in the world at one and a quarter miles, replacing the earlier wooden one built in the 1830's. It became a landmark on the Thames; steamers would bring hundreds of Londoners to embark at the end of the pier.

Article by Cheryl Horncastle

How Candy Floss is made at the Seaside

Have you ever wondered how candy floss is made at the seaside well here is five easy steps to how it is made in a candy floss machine.

Step 1 Mix one tablespoon of colour to each 10lbs of ordinary household-type 'granulated' sugar



Step 3
Out comes the candy floss.



Step 5
Give to the smiling customer



Step 2

Turn on the Candy floss machine. When it has warmed up, simply fill the head with your sugar 'mix'



Step 4
Simply move the stick around the drum and watch it quickly load up with the floss.



Contribute to the Newsletter

Tell us how you're getting on with your research so far and have you discovered any hidden skeletons you want share with us. Have you come across some unexpected Ancestors, lost relatives, a famous Ancestor? Or do you have any old photos and stories you would like to share in the newsletter, it's all history and we'd be happy to hear it.

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