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Third time best for town's fayre on front

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WORTHING'S third seafront fayre, attended by an estimated 60,000 people – more than half of the town's population – was the best and most successful to date.

The seafront burst into life on Friday, and non-stop entertainment kept the crowds in the town in their tens of thousands.

The seafront market, with over 100 stalls and about 40 charity stalls, proved once again the major crowd-puller.

Worthing Edwardians managed to reach their £2,500 target from their non-stop, three-day entertainment near the Pier.

The cash will pay for the training of two guide dogs for the blind.

Whirlwind

The target was reached on Sunday evening, just before the finale attended by Mayor Harry Yates.

Edwardians joint organiser Percy Nowell said, 'It was a great success. The only problem was when we were hit by a miniature whirlwind on Sunday afternoon.

'Suddenly the drum kit blew off the stage and we were trying to hold everything down. Ironically Jacky Emery had just finished singing the hit

song, When You Walk Through a Storm.'

The freak wind also caused the cancellation for safety reasons of the Harriers free fall parachute display.

Switch

One of the highlights of the fayre was a torchlight procession and firework display on the beach opposite Beach House Grounds.

More than 10,000 people watched a spectacular display of more than £500 worth of fireworks.

For the first time part of the traditional fairground was switched to the beach area, between the Pier and Lido. This proved a big hit for visitors.

Among the events taking place at Steyne Gardens on Saturday and Sunday were a demonstration by Coastguards of a breeches buoy and a display by the Royal Army Ordnance Corps bomb disposal unit.

This included examples of mortars, shells and grenades regularly dealt with by the team, and featured the Wheelbarrow



remote bomb detector used both in Northern Ireland and Britain to check suspicious vehicles or packages.

In addition to the fair at Steyne Gardens there were also Punch and Judy shows for the children.

Off-shore events during the weekend included a demonstration of air-sea rescue off the Pier. But it was all happening so far out to sea that onlookers had considerable difficulty watching what was happening.

The events, other than the Edwardians' non-stop show, were arranged by the East Worthing Community Association and Worthing and District Area Guild of Voluntary Service.



WORTHING ROWING CLUB'S ladies four, the national coastal champions, all set for their regatta race at Splash Point on Saturday. Left to right: Jane Bryant (bow), Catherine Symons, Sue Clark (cox), Gill McLean (stroke), and Isobel Brooks. See page 42 for report.

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