

# Worthing Pier in the News!

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## We do like to be beside the seaside



**ON THE BEACH:** Royalty paddled at Littlehampton, including these two sons of Princess Mary, photographed on the beach in the 1920s.

FOR centuries, Worthing was a mere handful of fishermen's cottages that made up a tiny part of the parish of Broadwater.

It always had the sea on its south-

ern flank and when, during the Regency period, an occasional traveller from London was tempted into the area, this was one of the aspects he found so appealing.

By coincidence, eminent medical men at that time were propounding the health-giving properties of sea-water.

In the following decade, several members of the royal family visited Worthing on the advice of their doctors and the tiny hamlet by the sea was set on a course of expansion and success from which it has never wavered.

But none of this would have happened without Worthing's miles of



**MISSIONARY POSITION:** Missionary meetings were held on the beach at Worthing's Spanish Point during the 1930s, hoping to "spread the word" to their young audiences.

safe, gently shelved beach, the changes to which artists and photographers have recorded over the past 200 years.

Here is a selection of these pictures, with some of rival Littlehampton, to remind us that summers long ago could also be very hot, even if our ancestors seemed unable to dress comfortably for the occasion!

• More pictures will appear next week.

**TRUNK CALL:** Even elephants were for a stroll on the sands at Worthing in 1903. This one was advertising a visiting circus.



**PROM TREAT:** A goat chaise was an exclusive attraction on Worthing seafront promenade in 1915.



**LIGHTHOUSE LANDMARK:** Visitors to Littlehampton swamfront in 1906. The landmark "peppercorn" lighthouse in the centre of this picture was built in 1834 but has long since been demolished.

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