

Worthing Pier in the News!



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Sunniest early March

for 10 years

An early spring sample of summer days ahead has been practising a brilliant deception in Worthing this week.

By yesterday the first nine days of March had brought 66 hours of sunshine—a daily average of 7.33 hours.

Mr T. L. Canton, borough weather recorder, states that not for 10 years have so many hours of sunshine been recorded in Worthing during the first seven days of March as the 48.5 reported this week.

Tuesday, with 9.9 hours, was the sunniest day since October 3 last year and the sunniest day for early March for three years, when over 10 hours were recorded on March 1, 1947.

On Wednesday, when sunshine hours dropped a little to 9.7, the maximum temperature of 59 degrees made it the warmest day this year. Yesterday 7.8 hours of sunshine had been recorded up to 6 p.m., while maximum temperature was 53 degrees.

Between February 26, when the brilliant spell began, and March 9, the sun has shone on Worthing for 91.7 hours—a daily average of 7.64 hours.

Nor has it been a pale, chill sunlight.

The day temperature for the first week of March has averaged 52 degrees—six degrees above the seasonal average—and the highest for early March for 12 years. The day temperature (57 degrees) on Sunday was 11 degrees above the normal. This was the mildest day since last autumn, and the mildest day for early March since March 4, 1948 (57 degrees).

The last time the day temperature reached 58 degrees and above during the first week of March was on March 4, 1928, when 58 degrees were recorded.

64 degrees were registered on March 11, 1929.

Since March 1 .01 inch of rain has fallen in Worthing—on Friday, March 3.

Taking advantage of the good weather 2,500 people visited

Worthing Pier over the week-end.

On the promenade a badly worn strip of the parade between the Bandstand and Queen's-road was being resurfaced in readiness for the season.

There were people who paddled in the sea and several hardy spirits who swam in it. Hundreds sunbathed. Many people walked in the sunshine over the Downs.

To complete the illusion of "Summer's round the corner," came a statement to the *Herald* by Coun. Edward Bradley, chairman

of the Corporation Entertainment Committee, that after his committee's meeting in about a fortnight's time, "we shall be able to get out our programme for the summer season."

Coun. Bradley, who expects the programme to be much the same as it was last year, added: "We are not behind-hand."

Both military bands and orchestras are being engaged for summer music at the Bandstand, where, as last year, some dances will be arranged.



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