

Worthing Pier in War Time



1940's

What happened to the Pier during the 1940's?

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Ban On Bathing

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At a special meeting of Worthing Emergency Committee last Wednesday the decision was taken to ban bathing from the beach. When the town became a defence area the whole of the beach was closed to the public, but later a concession was made permitting bathing from certain stations between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. This relaxation was much appreciated by bathers, especially this month, but, war being war, the wisdom of the decision now taken will not be questioned. It is presenting a tempting and quite unnecessary target for any enemy airmen to have a considerable number of people congregated at any one spot where casualties could be inflicted with a quick escape before the defence had an opportunity to get going. Why ask for trouble? There remain many amenities for health and recreation in our parks and other open spaces, the baths, the children's paddling pool, and the boating pool. A practical war

measure is that of raising a fund for the purchase of a fighter aircraft. The Mayor met representatives of local organisations to discuss arrangements, and mentioned that he had received ten shillings for the fund, the gift of an old-age pensioner, who had sent it as a thank-offering for having received her pension at the age of 60 instead of 65. With this spirit prevailing it should not be long before the £6,000 or so required is obtained. Although many people are hard hit, there are still a number who are willing and able to contribute to the support of any venture which they deem worthy. Worthing Boys' Club, which was recently in financial straits, has received a gift of £100, in addition to Lord Winterton's donation of £5 a month for a year, and over £250 was collected by a flag day in aid of Worthing Sea and Air Cadet funds, while the town's contribution to the war effort in national savings is over a million-and-a-half pounds.

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