

Worthing Pier in War Time

1940's

What happened to the Pier during the 1940's?

War Time

Evacuee Success

SCENES ON THE BEACH

Worthing beach has never seen so many children—who are having the time of their lives! The Beach Inspector, Mr. Gilbert Wood, who was formerly in the Marines, has been called up. His deputy, who is also a naval man, expects to be called up shortly. He remarked good humouredly that life at sea would be a holiday in comparison with his task on Worthing beach! However, no casualties of importance have occurred so far, and the St. John Ambulance hut is staffed at all times to deal with casualties. The children are of all ages—some well dressed, others obviously from the poorer quarters of London. Many of the latter are lucky in finding a home among strangers, who are treating them as if they were their own children and completing their limited wardrobes at their own expense. One elderly lady, who had the charge of two big girls, was seen pointing out the local objects of interest, including the Old Town Hall. The girls tried to be interested, but were evidently not impressed with this relic of former civic grandeur of Worthing! Another householder was so delighted with the sample of London that she received that she came round to other houses asking for more! Everywhere there are reports that people are carrying out their obligations with courage and cheerfulness.

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