

# ILFRACOMBE VICTORIAN CELEBRATIONS 2011

## Saturday 11 June 2011

*We greatly regret that this year Mr Rowland is unable to bring his carousel for our Celebrations.*

*“Oh, I Do Like to Be Beside the Seaside” A photographic exhibition presented by Ilfracombe Museum can be seen in the Landmark Theatre entrance during the Celebrations.*

***Judging of the shop windows and the best dressed gentleman shop assistant and lady shop assistant will take place throughout the week.***

10.00 am – 5 pm

### **Ilfracombe Museum**

Enrich your Victorian experience with a visit to ILFRACOMBE MUSEUM to view the model steamers and photographs, the Victoria Pavilion, Royal memorabilia, Victorian costumes, ladies & gentlemen's accessories, the Victorian kitchen and much more. Normal admission price and return as often as you like during the week.

1.45 pm

### **Queen Victoria's Royal Parade to Trinity Fair**

Led by the Barnstaple Town Youth Marching Band. From the Candar at the top of Fore Street, the Parade processes along the High Street to all the fun of a traditional fair at The Vicarage Gardens, St Brannocks Road. Delicious cream teas, side shows, stalls, amusements and bargains. Judging of the best dressed Victorians (adults and children). This competition is arranged and judged by the Parish Church.

8.15 pm

### **Victorian Musical Evening**

Presented by Elizabeth Kemp and friends at Emmanuel Church, Wilder Road. Admission by programme, £5, including refreshments.

## Sunday 12 June 2011

Spend a leisurely morning discussing the Empire with fellow Victorians at one of the many excellent tea and coffee houses around the town, or visit the Exhibitions.

10.30 am

### **A Festival of Victorian Praise**

At Emmanuel Church, Wilder Road

2.00 pm

### **Crowning of Victorian Prince and Princess**

This competition is open to boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 12 years and will be judged in the Runnymede Garden Bank stand. Cups and prizes will be awarded to winners. Please note that the winners may be expected to attend other events during the year, so visitors should be aware as this may present difficulties.

**Best Hat Competition (under 16s)    Prettiest Parasol (under 16s)**

**Best Hat (adults)**

**Prettiest Parasol (adults)**

**Followed by**

### **Promenading**

From the Landmark Theatre, along the sea front, led by the newly-crowned Prince and Princess. Do join in to recreate the atmosphere of a Victorian Sunday afternoon parade.

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**3.00 pm**  
**Followed by**                    **Blessing the Celebration on the seafront** led by Rev Barbara Bennett  
**Victorian Picnic**  
Relax in the lovely surroundings of Runnymede Gardens. Bring your own picnic.

**8.00 pm**                        **A Spiritual Revival**  
At Emmanuel Church, Wilder Road. An Evening of Sankey and Moody Hymns and Choruses.

### **Monday 13 June 2011**

10.30 – 12.30                **VICTORIAN COFFEE MORNING AT ILFRACOMBE MUSEUM**  
Quench your thirst and knowledge at our coffee morning while perusing our quality selection of second-hand books. Have a go on the tombola and the raffle to win a beautiful Rag Rug made especially by Liz Howard (to be drawn on Friday). Free admission to the museum during the coffee morning.

2.30 pm                        **Victorian Afternoon Soiree and Tea**  
at the Emmanuel Church, Wilder Road. A genteel experience, delightful conversation. Highly-trained maids will serve superb food and there will be musical entertainment by Simply4Saxes. Admission by ticket £4.95.

8.00 pm                        **Pearlies Night**  
At The Wheel, sea front. Come and have a barrel of fun! Join in for an evening of music and song. Admission £3 on the door.

**Tuesday 14 June 2011**    *Chucklefoot will be around during Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to entertain. There's time to visit the Pram Exhibition at Pip and Jim's Church, or visit Biclescombe Park.*

10.30 am – 1 pm            **Promenade in Biclescombe Gardens, visit the Mill tea rooms, weather permitting.**  
Free Community minibus will take you from Runnymede Gardens.

12 noon                        **Teddy Bears Picnic**  
Goldilocks wouldn't believe her eyes if she went down to the Landmark Theatre today! Not just three bears but lots and lots as they gather with their owners for the annual Teddy Bears Picnic. Please bring your own Teddy and picnic. Chucklefoot will entertain.

2.30 pm                        **Victorian Bathing Belles and Beaux**  
Gather at the harbour beach to brave the elements for a paddle in the sea. Fun and frolics in a less refined manner before the judging of the best Bathing Belle or Beau. Open to all ages, shapes and sizes. Children welcome.

**Followed by**                    **Sandcastle competition and games on the beach** before parading to Wilders Beach.

2.00 – 4.00 pm              **VICTORIAN PAPER DOILY LACE CRAFT at Ilfracombe Museum.**  
Enjoy this decorative craft with Noreen Spencer. Free admission but a small donation for materials supplied welcome.

8 pm                             **Yo Ho Ho and a Bottle of Rum!**  
Pirates arrive at the Lantern, High Street. Before and after Victoria became Queen, piracy and smuggling were rife and her Majesty's Customs wanted their due share of the bounty! You are invited to come along in suitable costumes to re-live the good old days of Pirates and Smugglers in Ilfracombe. Fun and games organised by John and Rosemary Blythe. Tickets £4 to include a light buffet. Booking essential.

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## Wednesday 15 June 2011

*Refreshments available at St James's Tea Rooms, Dolly's, Lobster Pot and Palms Café.*

- 10.00 – 12.00      **BROOMSTICK CROCHET at Ilfracombe Museum.**  
An intriguing activity! You are welcome to try this unusual craft with Chris Smith. Free admission but a small donation for materials supplied welcome.
- 10.30                **Victorians enjoy a game of Putting and/or Crazy Golf on the sea front**
- 2.15                 **'Ascot' Parade**  
Gather outside the Landmark Pavilion and parade to:
- 2.30                 **Mayor's Garden Party**  
The Mayor extends a cordial welcome to join the Garden Party in Runnymede Gardens. Queen Victoria and her entourage will grace the event with their presence. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon in congenial company.
- 8.15 pm            **The Barnstaple Male Voice Choir**  
At Emmanuel Church, Wilder Road. A concert with a Victorian theme. Admission by programme £5 at the door.
- 8.15 pm            **Ilfracombe Musical Productions presents:**  
Upstairs & Downstairs Songbook Volume III – Mr Pitt's Picnic at The Landmark Theatre. Tickets £9, £8 +60p Love Arts payment from the box office or call 01271 324242

## Thursday 16 June 2010

- 10.00 – 12.00      **CRAZY PATCHWORK at Ilfracombe Museum.**  
Great fun and easy to do. Join in with Val and friends to make your own sample. Free admission but a small donation for materials supplied welcome.
- 10.30 onwards     **Living Willows**  
Suzanne and Richard Kerwood of Living Willows will demonstrate the craft of willow stripping and basket making in Runnymede Gardens.
- 10.30-12.00       **Victorian Coffee Morning** at the Emmanuel Church
- 12 noon            **Calling All Liberated Women!**  
Meet at the Lantern, High Street, and join the Suffragettes on their March for Women's Rights. Make your voice heard as you march along the High Street, down Summers Crescent and along the sea front to a rally with guest speakers in Runnymede Gardens.
- 2.30 pm-4.30 pm   **Find out more about Ilfracombe's Victorian Past** at The Royal Britannia Hotel near the harbour. Tony Kiley will tell us, with slides, about the Victorian Cairn followed by Susan Garwood at 3.30 pm who will speak, also with slides, about the Ilfracombe Victorian Life Boat service and a particularly courageous coxswain. Entrance is £2.50 at the door.

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- 8.00 pm            **Mock Court**  
At the Lantern, High Street. Watch as the miscreants from the week's events are brought before 'the beak' for punishment. £3 on the door to include light refreshments.
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### Friday 17 June 2011

*Judging of the shop windows comes to an end.*

- 10.00            Have coffee at one of the many coffee houses in the town and then go on to the
- 10.30            **VICTORIAN QUIZ** presented by Rev Barbara Bennett at the Emmanuel Church. Entrance £2
- 2.00 –4.00pm    **FABRIC COLLAGE at Ilfracombe Museum**  
- a popular Victorian pastime. Have a go session led by Win Clason. Free admission but a small donation for materials supplied welcome.
- 2.00 pm            **Cream Teas and Country Dancing at Ilfracombe Infants School**  
All welcome to the Marlborough Road site for this very popular event. You will witness a very special event during the afternoon!  
On your way home from the school, take the opportunity to promenade along the sea front.
- 7.30 pm            **Grand Victorian Ball at the Landmark Pavilion**  
All the splendour of a glorious Victorian Evening. Dances led by Merrymakers Old Tyme Dance Group. Victorian dress is compulsory. Tickets £12.50 to include buffet. Advanced booking essential as numbers are limited.

### Saturday 18 June 2011

- 10 am            **Presentation of the shop window and best dressed shop assistants prizes**  
From 10 am    **Enrich your Victorian experience** at ILFRACOMBE MUSEUM.  
View the model steamers and photos, the Victoria Pavilion, Royal memorabilia, Victorian costumes, ladies & gentlemen's accessories, the Victorian kitchen and much more.
- 10.00 till late:    **Victorian Market and Bar-B-Q**  
All the fun of a Victorian Shopping Day! Stalls will be situated all along the sea front for most of the day and into the evening. A unique opportunity to purchase specialised goods from local traders as well as items from further afield.
- 12.30-4 pm        **Visit Larkstone Cafe for lunch, followed by Games** (croquet/bowls/piquant etc) or just sit and enjoy the views over the town. Free Community minibus will take you there from Runnymede Gardens.
- 9.00 pm            **Candlelit Procession**  
This popular event will leave the harbour and parade to the Landmark Theatre green. Bring your own lanterns to light your way. Everyone welcome.
- 10.15 pm          **Grand Firework Display to Music**    A spectacular display from the top of Capstone Hill

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## Sunday 19 June 2011

A chance to discuss the week's events at one of the town's excellent cafes, then put on your best hats for one last look at Victorian Ilfracombe for 2011.

From 10 am

**There's still time to enrich your Victorian experience** at ILFRACOMBE MUSEUM.

View the model steamers and photos, the Victoria Pavilion, Royal memorabilia, Victorian costumes, ladies & gentlemen's accessories, the Victorian kitchen and much more.

3 pm

**Final Pageant and Parade to the Pier**

Assemble in Wilder Road Car Park at 2.30 pm. Everyone is invited to join in this final, spectacular parade, along with:

- Queen Victoria
- Prince and Princess
- Bideford Town Youth Pipes and Drums
- Carriage and Horses
- Miniature ponies
- Costumed Walkers

And much, much more!

8 pm

**Victorian Songs of Praise**

At Emmanuel Church, Wilder Road with the Bideford Town Band