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PORTSMOUTH PASTIMES

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No town ever had such a capacity for enjoying itself as the great nautical city of Portsmouth! Over the years the people of Portsmouth have suffered hardships and sadness. Being a naval town, the loss of life in the various wars hit hard, with entire streets left in mourning when a Portsmouth-based warship was lost. Poverty, sickness and hardship was a way of life for the ordinary Portmuthian, and later in the Second World War the great naval dockyard became a target for enemy bombers, leaving whole areas and families devastated.

Now in this collection of more than 125 historic and nostalgic images, local author Anthony Triggs aims to redress the balance. The Victorians strolling along the prom, children swimming, football, fairgrounds, tram trips, the patriotic enjoyment of royal visits, and many other pastimes are all illustrated giving the reader a fascinating glimpse of how the people of Portsmouth put aside their problems and enjoyed their pleasures.

Anthony Triggs is the author of 14 previous books on the history of the Portsmouth area, including *Sunny Southsea* and *Portsmouth: the Shattered City* for Halsgrove.

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What could be better than sun, sea and a snooze in a deckchair?



The bandstand was a popular diversion for holidaymakers visiting South Parade Pier, as this view from the Thirties clearly shows.



A popular ride for children – and adults – was the Southsea Miniature Railway.



Getting set to pedal for pleasure in 1893 are the staunch be-hatted members of the Portsmouth Mercury Cycle Club, who are obviously extremely proud of their cup.



Example of a double page spread.

