

Piers

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Clarence Pier

1 Jun 1861	Built	89
10 Sep 1874	Extended	89
Aug 1882	New pavilion opened by the Prince & Princess of Wales	89
	After 1 st World War Concert pavilion converted into ballroom	9
1932	[26408] Clarence Pier additions by John Lay & Co for Clarence Esplanade Pier Co	95
1932	New café, sun deck and hall	9
1934	[26206] Clarence Pier additions & alterations amended plan by John Lay & Co for Clarence Esplanade Pier Co	95
1935	[28100] alterations to restaurant for Clarence Pier Co Ltd	95
1935	[28223] alterations to restaurant for Clarence Pier Co Ltd	95
1937	[29839] Additions for Clarence Esplanade Pier Co Ltd	95
10 Jan 1941	Bombed	9
1948	[1647] Clarence Pier Site, Café for Clarence Esplanade Pier Co	95
1948	[1640] Clarence Pier Site, licensed bar; [1640a] 1948 revised layout; [1640b] 1948 additional exit; [1940b] 1949 new fireplaces & chimneys	95
1949	[2043a] 1949 Clarence Pier, steel frame in lieu of timber, architect A.G Goodair	95
	Deck and landing stages designed by Mouchel & Partners Ltd, built by Jno Croad Ltd	9
	Superstructure designed by Messrs A.E Cogswell and Sons with Mr R Lewis Reynish, erected by John Hunt Ltd	9
1951	[4527] Clarence Pier, alterations to main entrance & covered way for The Clarence Esplanade Pier Co	95
1952	[4621] Clarence Pier, snack bar for J.S Richards; [4621a] 1952 Revised layout; [4621b] revised foundations & drainage	95
1953	Deck to be built over beach	95
1 Jun 1961	Reopened, cost £400,000	9
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King William Pier

	Used as officers landing place by the Admiralty	95
1836		89
	Name changed to Victoria Pier since Queen Victoria came to the throne before the pier was completed	89
1842	Built	89
1895	Admiralty granted Corporation liberty for general public use	95
1896	Sold	89
27 May 1898	Reopened after renovation by Mayor Henry Kimber	89
1911		1
Jan 1913	Closed due to damage in gales	95
1925	Washed away	89
1929	Negotiations for lease of pier by council completed	95
1931	New pier and landing stage to be constructed	95
1931	New reinforced concrete pier started	89
1931	Tender of Frank Bevis Ltd, £4075 13s 8d accepted for new pier	95
1951		1
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Royal Albert Pier (Portsea Pier)

1 Jun 1847	Opened 1249 feet long cost £1,200	89
	Demolished when Harbour Railway Station was built in 1876	
1850		100
1886	Still listed	1

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South Parade Pier (Old)

1879	Built at cost of £9,000	9
26 Jul 1879	Pier opened by Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar wife of the Governor of Portsmouth	89
	Sacred music played on Sunday evenings	89
19 Jul 1904	Burnt down	89
1906	Bought by Corporation	9
1906	Corporation bought South Parade Pier Ltd	95

South Parade Pier (New)

1908	Concert Pavilion built by Thomas H Yelf of Norwich	95
1908	Contractor T.H Relf	95
1908	Refreshment rooms and bars let to Henry Poulden Holley of the Albany Hotel	95
12 Aug 1908	New pier opened by Mayor, cost £70,000	89,120
	Length 500 feet, 70 feet wide at narrowest part, 145 feet at the widest	110
	Behind entrance skating rink or small concert hall	72
	feet square with single arched roof 29 feet high, maple floor. Kursaal or pavilion 52 feet by 12 feet. Concert pavilion 100 feet by 70 feet height 40 feet, proscenium 25 feet 6 inches wide, stage 40 feet 6 inches wide 24 feet deep, seats 1,100 plus 600 in balcony	110
1909	Landing stage built by Mr Bevis	95
1909	Dispute with Mr Yelf over works building pier, piles differing heights, subsidence etc	95
1 Feb 1910	Cinematograph licence issued	95
23 Dec 1910	Cinematograph licence issued	95
1911	Cinematograph licence issued	95
20 Feb 1913	Boiler explosion, attendant, Thomas Healan, died on 21 st	95
1913	Cinematograph licence issued to Frederick Robinson	95
1914-1919	Cinematograph licence issued to Frederick Robinson, sat 550	95
1932	Fishing stage to be added	95
1933	Concrete beams at bandstand end reinforcement damaged, repairs needed	95
1933	Architect George Coles stage to be reconstructed extending forward 12 feet, proscenium moved, fire curtain, fly to be raised 10 feet, cost £3,900	95
1933	Stage enlarged old proscenium replaced	120
1934	Pavilion seats to be replaced with 288 tip up seats	95
1937	75 automatic machines for use by Automatic Amusement Arcade, tender of British Automatic Co Ltd, £750 per annum accepted	95
1939	Under structure repaired	95
1939	Deck to be widened	95
1941	British Automatic Co Ltd had removed machines from pier, lease suspended	95
1943	Large bar and pavilion woodwork in bad state of repair, underside of pier needs tarring	95
1945	British Automatic Co machines re-instated on pier for 1/3 of receipts	95
1947	Seats in theatre recovered by PIMCO at cost of £436 10s	95
1949	Serious electrical fault, majority of wiring condemned, rewiring estimate £4,150	95
1950	[3385] Additional lavatory accommodation	95
1951	Proposed new bandstand, shelters and windshields cost £6,600	95
1952	[4584] bandstand & shelters	95
1952	[4825] New bandstand	95
1952	Cost of new bandstand £750	95
1952	[4899] New lime chamber	95
1952	[4934] addition lavatory accommodation	95
1952	Main underside girders in good condition although some are corroded, replacement steel ordered	95

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	1953	Circular glass canopy adjacent to bandstand, £3,600	95
	1955	Extension to bandstand enclosing gap either side and roof	95
	1951-1957	Organist Gordon Banner	9
		Bought by Fortes (Leased?)	9
	1974	Pavilion and main building burnt down	
	1975	New structure built at cost of £600,000	9
	1975	Re-opened	9
		Length 1,300 feet	9
	Apr 1996	Sold to First Leisure for £1m from City Council and Crown Estate	9
	1998	Sold to Leisure Parcs of Blackpool	9
	1999	Sold to Six Piers Ltd	
10 Feb	2000	End of main building bar destroyed by fire	9
	2000	End of pier buildings demolished replaced by fairground	
	2001	£50,000 spent on renewing cross bracing on pier supports	9
	2001	Further £50,000 to be spent on renewing main support girders	9
	2008	Albert Bar transformed into restaurant	9
	2010	Sold to Frenash Ltd, for £75,000, Frederick Nash, Tony Marshall & David Moore	9
	Apr 2011	Frenash in liquidation	9
	May 2011	Taken over by Dawn and Barry Randell, daughter of David Moore operating as The South Parade Pier Ltd	9
	Oct 2011	Proposed redevelopment, architects Angus Meek of Bristol	9
	Nov 2012	Main part of pier closed by council on safety grounds	9
	Mar 2012	Sold	
	Jan 2014	Sold by Frederick Nash & Dawn Randall to Consortium including Tommy Ware, Snr & Junr	9
	2015	Repairs started	
	Dec 2015	Awarded £50,000 from Government Coastal Revival Fund	9
14 Apr	2017	Partially reopened by Lord Mayor	
	2017	Amusement Arcade operated by Harry Levy Group	
	Sep 2017	Gaiety Bar reopened	

Victoria Pier

See King William Pier