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A woman in a floral shirt is looking down, and a man is looking through a microscope.

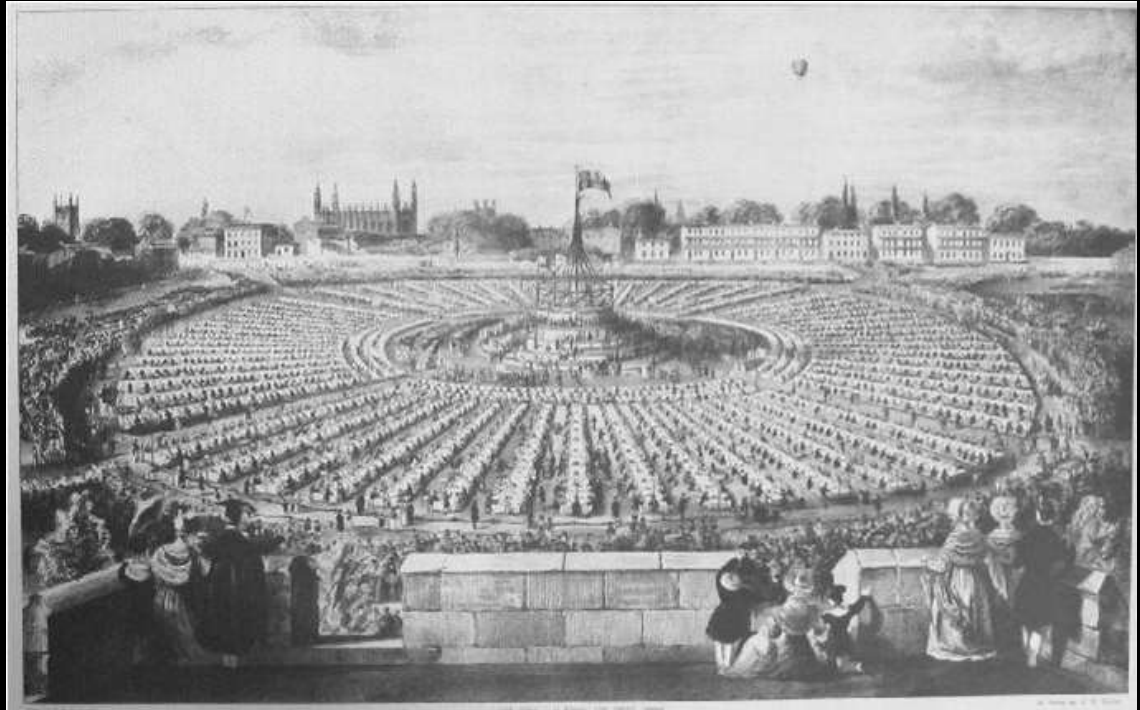
PARKER'S PIECE

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Cambridge

What Was Parker's Piece in the Past?

Parker's Piece used to be part of Trinity College until 1613, when Cambridge town acquired it as pasture land to graze animals on.

It has since been used for a wide variety of events including Royal celebrations and sporting events.



So who was Mr. Parker?



Mr. Edward Parker was a college cook and Parker's Piece is named after him!

He leased the land south of Trinity College- a whole 25 acres (much larger than Parker's Piece is today).

We don't have any pictures of Mr. Parker, but this is a picture of another college cook, So we imagine he might have looked something like this.



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Anyone for Cricket?!

In 1831 members of the University requested the city council's permission to level 60 square yards to make a cricket pitch.

The request was granted on the condition that the cricket pitch had to be for public use as well as the university.



The Pavilion is Built

In 1930 a pavilion was built on Parker's Piece, named after the famous cricketer, Jack Hobbs.

It was used by people who played sports, including the footballers.

The pavilion being built meant that they didn't have to get changed in tents anymore- which I'm sure they were very pleased about!



The cricket pavilion behind footballers on Parker's Piece today

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A Place of Celebration!

Parker's Piece has been used as a place for all sorts of celebrations and exciting events over the last few hundred years and is still used for events today.



FACTOID!

**In 1838 a feast for over 15,000 diners
and 17000 spectators was held to
celebrate
Queen Victoria's Coronation
- that's a lot of guests at a party!**

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How Much Food was Consumed at the party?



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In total, the diners consumed

- 1,015 stones of meat,
- 72lbt of mustard,
 - 140 lbs salt,
- 125 gallons of pickles,
- 4,500 loaves of bread,
- 1,608 plum puddings of 6.5lbs each
and 99 barrels of ale.

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DIEU ET MON DROIT.

CAMBRIDGE

CORONATION

FESTIVAL.

Rustic Sports,

Celebration of the CORONATION of her Most Gracious Majesty QUEEN VICTORIA,

On **THURSDAY** the 28th day of **JUNE**, 1838.

Committee appointed for conducting the RUSTIC SPORTS on the approaching coronation announce to the Public, that the following

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precisely at Four o'clock in the afternoon, the following Amusements will commence
ON MIDSUMMER GREEN.

THE NEWMARKET BAULK

OR, HOW TO RISE IN LIFE!
Well-Soaped Scaffold Poles, stuck up indifferently out of the perpendicular—will be climbed for, by youthful and ungodly-
ated Cantabs, for **Breeches, Legs of Mutton, &c. &c.** If any competitor obtains an elevation two yards
higher than the top of the pole—it is no go!

Jumping in Sacks.

A distance of 50 yards by Six Men. Each man to jump in a 4-bushel Sack (to be provided by himself for the occasion.)
The winner to receive a **New Pair of Boots.**—Second best, a **New Hat**, warranted to fit.—The Third, a
Pair of Shoes.

BISCUIT BOLTING.

Twelve Boys to eat a Pennyworth of **Biscuits** each. The First shall have a **Victoria Waistcoat**, Second a
New White Beaver Tie. Third, a regular out-and-out **Wide-awake**

A JINGLING MATCH,

Or, Blind Buff and the Bellman.

This Match will take place in a 24ft roped ring, between 12 young Men, (not less than 18 years of age) for a **New pair**
of **Cord Trowsers.** The time allowed for this Match is 16 Minutes; and the Bellman will not be allowed to silence
his Bell longer than 10 seconds at any time.

WHEELBARROW RACE.

Dr. Tom, M.D. H.M.S. 1888

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...wide—or who can drink a bucket of water at one draught! No one need apply

ROYAL PIG RACES.

By 10 Men. The tail to be scaped. The First Man who twice catches it by the tail, and fairly suspends it over his shoulder, to receive the **Pig** as a Prize.

An Elegant Pie-bald Short-legged Well-fed Curley-tailed **PIG**, to be run for and caught in same manner as first Pig, for the same prize.—Also, 2 other Royal Pig Races—on same terms.

GRINNING MATCH.

OR, WHICH IS THE UGLIEST PRIZE!!

This Match will be contested by Men of all ages, and all complexions—all description of physiognomy—and every degree of ugliness and beauty—whether short or tall, little or big, lean or fat, young or old, green or grey—and must be performed according to the usual customs on these occasions, exhibiting, in Grinadian excellence and boldness, the various Contortions the “Human Face divine,” by peeping through a Pegasus Crook—*or*, as the vulgar would profanely designate it—a **se’s Collar!** The party who shall be declared the winner will be rewarded with a brand new pair of **Velveteen Browsers**, and a **New Wipe**. The other competitors will be rewarded with a gallon of Sam Moore’s regular right-Head-strong, Out-and-out, Strong-bodied, Ram-jam, Come-it-strong, Lift-me-up, Knock-me-down, How d’ye-like-it, u-lur **Midsummer-Green Sting!** and a **New Hat** each.

A RAM RACE.

Run for—A Gigantic **RAM**, of stature and speed remarkable—Positively descended from the Great Derby Ram

ROOTING EXTRAORDINARY,

By Boys in a Tub of Meal, for sixpences.

PENNY LOAVES AND TREACLE

Boys, with their hands stuck in

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OR, WHICH IS THE UGLIEST PRIZE!!

This Match will be contested by Men of all ages, and all complexions—all description of physiognomy—and every degree of ugliness and beauty—whether short or tall, little or big, lean or fat, young or old, green or grey—and must be performed according to the usual custom on three occasions, exhibiting, in Grimaces, contortions, and grimaces, the various Contortions of the "Human Face divine," by peeping through a Peguian Curtain—or, as the vulgar would positively designate it—a Horse's Collar! The party who shall be declared the winner will be rewarded with a brand new pair of **Velveteen Trousers**, and a **New Wipe**. The other competitors will be rewarded with a gallon of Sam Moore's regular right-sort, Head-strong, Out-and-out, Strong-bodied, Ram-jam, Come-it-strong, Lift-me-up, Knock-me down, How d'ye-like-it, Ge-nu-ine **Midsummer-Green Stingo!** and a **New Hat** each.

A RAM RACE.

To be Run for—A Gigantic **RAM**, of stature and speed remarkable—Positively descended from the Great Derby Ram.

ROOTING EXTRAORDINARY,

By Boys in a Tub of Meal, for **Sixpences**.

PENNY LOAVES AND TREACLE.

By Six Boys, with their hands tied behind them, for a **New Hat**.

RACES

Twelve Men, (not less than 14 stone weight) to run 100 yards. All complexions eligible—(no bandy legs!) First, New pair **Boots**. Second, Pair Cord **Trousers**. Third, Pair of Velveteen **Inexpressibles**.

YOUNG LAD'S MATCH.

Six Lads, whose ages will not exceed 15 next grass, to run 100 yards. The winner to receive a pound of the Best Souabongacatanaranchoochoorigdumifefafumrumpecoeannuseoronabomirabilis-flavoured **Gunpowder Tea & Pair of Shoes!** Second Best, **A new hat!**—Third best, **A Waterloo waistcoat**.

Twelve Boys, not exceeding 14 years, to run 100 yards, (Three heats) Winner a **New Hat**, 2d. pair **Trousers**. 3d. pair **shoes**.

DIPPING FOR EELS,

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ROLLING MATCH,

By not less than 4 Men, for a New **Hat**. Second Best, a **Coronation Neckcloth**. Rolling in River No Prize!

A WHISTLING MATCH,

By Six old men, for a new **Copper Tea Kettle**. The Second best to have a **Tin Kettle** and **Tobacco**.
TUNE—"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN." A

DONKEY RACE.

For a **handsome New Bridle** and a **Splendid Whip**.

SECOND RACE.

The several Donkeys entered for this Prize will *not* be ridden by the Owners, but will be contended for after the manner of the feats adopted by the ancients—each Donkey must be rode by an opposite party, not being the Rider of the same Donkey in the last race, and the *last Donkey* in to be declared the Winner. The winner to receive a **ew Bridle**.

WITH A VARIETY OF OTHER SPORTS.

The commencement of each Sport will be announced by the ringing of a bell.

No carriages, horses, or donkeys, will be suffered on the Ground, except rode by the Stewards, and no Stalls or Booths erected, but under the direction of the Committee.

Contributions for the Sports sent to Mr. Bridges' Auction Mart, addressed to the Committee of Sports, will be thankfully received.

STEWARDS—HEZEKIAH MUGGINS and JEM CROW—CLERK OF THE SPORTS—JEREMIAH WHIPWELL.

A Grand Display of FIREWORKS

Will take place on Parker's Piece at 10 o'clock.

(S. WILSON, PRINTER.

A Place of Celebration!

Back in July 1893, as part of the festivities to celebrate the wedding of Prince George and Princess Mary, a thousand “aged poor” were entertained with tea on the park.

The event also included the flight of a hot air balloon which people found extremely fascinating, as most would never have seen one before, as it had only recently been invented.



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Football History Made Here!

FACTOID!

Did you know that the Football Association's rules of football are based on rules drawn up in 1848 by players who played on Parker's Piece?

Before the rules were set the teams would play on the Piece and each game would be played with a different set of rules.

In 1948 players met to decide on one set of rules and fixed it to the trees on Parker's Piece.

When the Football Association was founded in 1863 they used these rules as their basis.



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Parker's Piece Celebrations Today!



More recently Parker's Piece has been used for celebrations such as the arrival of the Olympic Torch in 2012 and the start of the Cambridge leg of the Tour de France in 2014.

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