



Boy dressed as Dick Whittington for the fancy dress parade at the Children's Masonic Carnival, Reading, 1887

WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

On the 21st April 1887, a special carnival was held for the children of Reading Freemasons to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria later that year. Hundreds of children attended the event which included, dancing, Punch and Judy, a magician, a ventriloquist, a clown, a Chinese act with animals, a short pantomime and a fancy dress parade for children aged between 4 and 14. This photograph shows a boy dressed as Dick Whittington for the children's fancy dress parade.

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