



Invitation to Children's Masonic Carnival, Reading, 1887

## WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

On the 21<sup>st</sup> 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. The Member of Parliament for Reading sent a telegram to the Queen on behalf of the children and received a reply of thanks on the same day. This image is a poster inviting the children of Reading Freemasons to the carnival.

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