

Britannia Guile: The Dawlish Chronicles, January - August 1877

Britannia Guile was a local journalist who lived in Dawlish, Devon, England, during the Victorian era. She kept a detailed diary of events that took place in the town, providing a valuable glimpse into the daily life of a small seaside community in the 19th century.

This article presents a selection of excerpts from Britannia Guile's diary, covering the period from January to August 1877. The excerpts have been edited for length and clarity, but they retain Britannia's unique voice and perspective.

- **January 1st:** A happy New Year to all! The weather has been unseasonably mild, with temperatures reaching 50 degrees Fahrenheit. The sea is calm and the beaches are crowded with people enjoying the fresh air.
- **January 10th:** A terrible tragedy occurred today. A young boy named William Smith drowned while swimming in the sea. He was only 12 years old. His parents are heartbroken.
- **January 15th:** The weather has turned colder, with snow flurries and high winds. The roads are icy and dangerous. Several people have been injured in falls.
- **January 20th:** The annual Dawlish Regatta was held today. There were boat races, swimming races, and a variety of other events. The weather was perfect and the crowds were large.

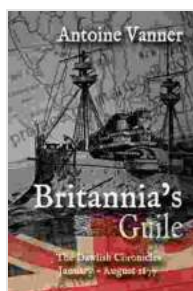
- **February 1st:** The weather has been mild again, with temperatures in the 40s. The snow has melted and the roads are clear.
- **February 10th:** A fire broke out in a house on Queen Street. The fire brigade was quickly on the scene, but the house was completely destroyed. The family who lived in the house lost everything they owned.
- **February 15th:** The annual Dawlish Carnival was held today. There were parades, floats, and music. The streets were lined with people.
- **February 20th:** The weather has turned colder again, with snow and ice. The roads are dangerous and several people have been injured in falls.
- **March 1st:** The weather has improved, with temperatures in the 50s. The snow has melted and the roads are clear.
- **March 10th:** A new school opened in Dawlish today. The school is called the Dawlish National School and it is located on Queen Street.
- **March 15th:** The annual Dawlish Flower Show was held today. There were flowers, plants, and vegetables on display. The show was a great success.
- **March 20th:** The weather has turned colder again, with rain and wind. The roads are muddy and several people have been injured in falls.
- **April 1st:** The weather has improved, with temperatures in the 60s. The sun is shining and the birds are singing.
- **April 10th:** A new railway line opened in Dawlish today. The line connects Dawlish to Exeter and it will make it much easier for people

to travel between the two towns.

- **April 15th:** The annual Dawlish Regatta was held today. There were boat races, swimming races, and a variety of other events. The weather was perfect and the crowds were large.
- **April 20th:** The weather has turned colder again, with snow and ice. The roads are dangerous and several people have been injured in falls.
- **May 1st:** The weather has improved, with temperatures in the 70s. The sun is shining and the birds are singing.
- **May 10th:** A new hotel opened in Dawlish today. The hotel is called the Royal Hotel and it is located on the seafront.
- **May 15th:** The annual Dawlish Carnival was held today. There were parades, floats, and music. The streets were lined with people.
- **May 20th:** The weather has turned colder again, with rain and wind. The roads are muddy and several people have been injured in falls.
- **June 1st:** The weather has improved, with temperatures in the 80s. The sun is shining and the birds are singing.
- **June 10th:** A new pier opened in Dawlish today. The pier is called the Dawlish Pier and it is located on the seafront.
- **June 15th:** The annual Dawlish Regatta was held today. There were boat races, swimming races, and a variety of other events. The weather was perfect and the crowds were large.
- **June 20th:** The weather has turned colder again, with snow and ice. The roads are dangerous and several people have been injured in

falls.

- **July 1st:** The weather has improved, with temperatures in the 90s. The sun is shining and the birds are singing.
- **July 10th:** A new park opened in Dawlish today. The park is called the Dawlish Park and it is located on the seafront.
- **July 15th:** The annual Dawlish Carnival was held today. There were parades, floats, and music. The streets were lined with people.
- **July 20th:** The weather has turned colder again, with rain and wind. The roads are muddy and several people have been injured in falls.
- **August 1st:** The weather has improved, with temperatures in the 80s. The sun is shining and the birds are singing.
- **August 10th:** A new school opened in Dawlish today. The school is called the Dawlish National School and it is located on Queen Street.
- **August 15th:** The annual Dawlish Regatta was held today



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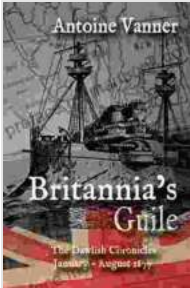
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