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# Colonnade centenary celebrations

A LARGE crowd gathered on the promenade on Sunday to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Colonnade - most of them in Edwardian dress.

Various groups including Bexhill Classic Cyclists and Bexhill Wheelers, all in fancy dress, joined in the celebrations which started with a talk by Paul Lendon on the history of the grade II listed building. Pipers from the Robertson Piping and Drumming Academy livened up the celebrations.

The group set off promenading along the promenade, heading toward the Bathing Hut for refreshments. After a short break the pipers continued playing until nearly 3pm.

Sandy Melvin, who organised the event, said: "I was determined to do something to mark the occasion on the July 24, the anniversary date.

"I have always loved the bagpipes. It was sad seeing the pipers leave, but all good things must come to an end."

• The Robertson Piping and Drum Academy is always looking for new members. If anyone is interested, the band meets at 7.30pm every Wednesday evening at St Mary Magdalene's Church Hall, opposite Bexhill station.

