

What was it like? - Worksheet 3 - Entertainment

Life in the asylum had a more enjoyable side to it – in 1867 there were games on the wards, dramatic performances, concerts and Saturday evening dances. There was a picnic to Bretton Park in summer and Christmas festivities with the dining hall decorated.



- Looking at the programme for the Annual Gala in 1904 there are a lot of different activities. Write two examples of each under the following headings:

Music	Comedy	Female races	Male races

- Imagine you are a newspaper reporter and are writing a story about the Asylum. You can use the questions to help you:

LIFE IN THE ASYLUM by our reporter...

- Why do you think the asylum had an Annual Gala?
- Are there any races that you would not have expected patients at a hospital to do? Why?
- Describe some of the races
- Look at the picture of the member of the asylum orchestra – Do you think he was a member of staff or a patient? Why?
- What sort of music do you think the orchestra played?
- Did the patients enjoy the day?