

# Queen Victoria commemoratives

I recently won a sterling silver thimble on ebay that commemorated the visit of Victoria & Albert to Scotland in Sept 1842. This thimble was an exciting find for me, as we had just returned from the most wonderful cruise in the Inner Hebrides of Scotland. This has prompted me to update the chapter of Dorothy Friend's *British commemorative and souvenir thimbles* of 1987. Her chapter 2 is entitled 'The years 1837-1901' which covers the entire reign of Queen Victoria.

In this year of Queen Elizabeth II's diamond jubilee, it is interesting to look back over the thimbles produced for her reign 1952- . Sadly, there is only one silver thimble design produced in England for QEII's diamond jubilee, where there is a plethora of china "cheap and cheerful" - something unheard of during Queen Victoria's reign. By contrast there were 13 different sterling silver thimbles produced for the ascension of Queen Victoria in 1837 and/or her coronation in 1838.

Many of the thimbles produced about Victoria attempted to record the many events of her life especially in the early and later parts of her reign and these are in the form of raised lettering around the thimbles to record the event. To feature in this section there should be a date, which is different from the Victorian (ie era) Scenic thimbles.

Tho Victoria and Albert had nine children, only the first two had thimbles produced to commemorate their births (ie for Victoria and Edward). At this stage no recorded thimbles were struck for their other children Alice, Albert, Helena, Louise, Arthur, Leopold, and Beatrice.

Most of these thimbles are not hallmarked, nor do we know at this stage who made them. They are rare too, being the age, they are!

A word of caution here - replicas and reproductions! During the 1980s both Stephen Frost and Westair Reproductions made pewter thimbles that feature Victoria - Westair's is not even a replica - it is just lettered 'Victoria & Albert 1840'. Frost's is a reproduction of the 1897 jubilee thimble. Both are heavy and should NOT be confused with the sterling silver originals - the weight should be a dead giveaway!! I have included these at the end, to complete the record.

I have tried to keep the order consecutive using the last date mentioned on the thimbles - some of the later thimbles bear no date but the event is well recorded!

I have **not** repeated commemorative thimbles of Victoria from these topics.

I have not gone out seeking needlework tools featuring Queen Victoria but as I found images, they have been included within the sequence of the thimbles.

This topic complements two of Thimbleselect's earlier topics

British Royalty on thimbles  
Victorian silver scenic thimbles



**1819**

VICTORIA BORN MAY 24 1819  
silver bodkin



**1837**

PRINCESS VICTORIA MAY 24 1837  
commemorating her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday

lettering upside down around the rim to face the sewer and be read whilst sewing  
sprigs of leaves on band that is ribbed

**RARE**



**1837**

Bone spool of thread

MANUFAC<sup>D</sup> BY THE ORDER AND FOR USE OF HER MAJESTY AND THE ROYAL HOUSEHOLD APPOINTED  
14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 1837 H SUTHERLAND MISTRESS OF THE ROBES

*Raworth*

red and gold Coat-of-Arms on base



**1837 or 1838**

HAIL VICTORIA

commemorates Victoria's ascension/coronation  
with sprigs on verso  
sterling silver



**1837 or 1838**  
HAIL VICTORIA  
commemorates Victoria's ascension/coronation  
with sprigs on verso  
nickel

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**1838**  
young Queen Victoria's profile facing left  
with royal flowers: roses shamrocks & a crown in relief  
commemorates Victoria's coronation  
no lettering on this thimble  
sterling silver  
faceted rim

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**1838**  
young Queen Victoria's profile  
with royal flowers: roses shamrocks - no crown  
commemorates Victoria's coronation  
no lettering on this thimble  
sterling silver  
smooth rim

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**1838**

QUEEN VICTORIA BORN MAY 24 1819  
 ASCENDED TO THE THRON JUNE 20 1837  
 CROWNED JUNE 28 1838

the outline of a crown flanked with stylised leaves completes the design  
 commemorates Victoria's coronation  
 sterling silver  
 faceted rim  
 this thimble was not recorded by Friend



How have these fragile thimble boxes survived for more than 180 years?



**1838**

QUEEN VICTORIA BORN MAY 24 1819  
 ASCENDED TO THE THRON JUNE 20 1837  
 CROWNED JUNE 28 1838

with outline of a crowned figure  
 commemorates Victoria's coronation  
 sterling silver  
 in original box with less lettering  
 this thimble was not recorded by Friend



**1838**

QUEEN VICTORIA BORN MAY 24 1819  
 ASCENDED TO THE THRONE JUNE 20 1837  
 CROWNED JUNE 28 1838

HEAVEN PROTECT OUR SOVEREIGN LADY  
 that last line is lettered around the rim

the outline of a crown with stylised leaves completes the design  
 commemorates Victoria's coronation  
 sterling silver



**1838**

VICTORIA

lettered amongst roses thistles shamrocks etc

on a textured ground with a shield cartouche

her profile with a wreath

commemorates Victoria's coronation

sterling silver

lower photos feature a textured surface on the band

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**1838**  
 VICTORIA 1<sup>ST</sup>  
 CROWNED JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> 1838  
 with royal flowers & crown  
 narrow band with patterned rim  
 commemorates Victoria's coronation  
 sterling silver



**1838**  
 VICTORIA 1<sup>ST</sup>  
 CROWNED JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> 1838  
 with royal flowers & crown  
 patterned rim  
 commemorates Victoria's coronation  
 sterling silver



**1838**  
 VICTORIA 1<sup>ST</sup>  
 CROWNED JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> 1838  
 with royal flowers & crown  
 narrow band with patterned rim  
 commemorates Victoria's coronation  
 sterling silver  
 narrow band  
 there is a difference in the number of rings



**1838**  
VICTORIA 1<sup>ST</sup>  
CROWNED JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> 1838  
with royal flowers & crown  
medium band with smooth rim  
commemorates Victoria's coronation  
sterling silver



**1838**  
VICTORIA 1<sup>ST</sup> CROWN'D JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> 1838  
with royal flowers & a crown  
wide band with patterned rim  
commemorates Victoria's coronation  
nickel plate or brass



**1838**  
VICTORIA CROWN'D JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> 1838  
commemorates Victoria's coronation  
sterling silver



**1838**

VICTORIA CROWN'D JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> 1838  
 commemorates Victoria's coronation  
 with profile portrait & royal flowers  
 patterned rim  
 sterling silver

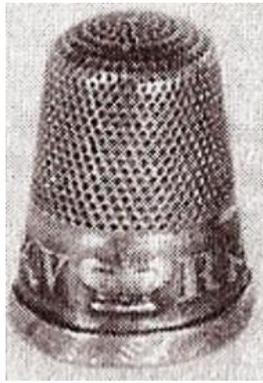
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**1838**

VICTORIA OUR HOPE  
 lettered within patterned garlands  
 commemorates Victoria's coronation  
 includes a crown  
 sterling silver  
 faceted rim

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**1838**

V R

with a crown

commemorates Victoria's coronation

royal flowers:- shamrock thistle rose

sterling silver

this thimble was recorded by Friend in 1988



**1838**

V R

with a crown

commemorates Victoria's coronation

royal flowers:- shamrock thistle rose

sterling silver

patterned rim

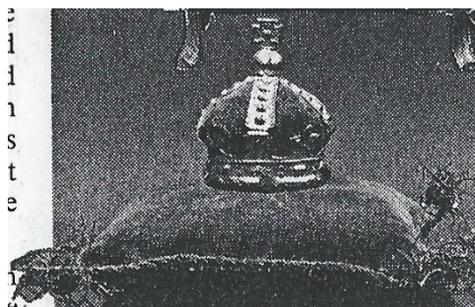
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**1838**

Tunbridge Ware pincushion clamp  
transfer at the end of Queen Victoria

b&w photo



**1838**

pincushion

velvet cushion edged with metallic threads with tufts at each corner surmounted with a gilt metal crown

b&w photo



**1838**

pinwheel – printed paper with red velvet

L: THE MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY ALEX VICTORIA BORN MAY 24 1819

R: ASCENDED THE BRITISH THRONE JUNE 20 1837 in the 19<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF HER AGE – CROWNED AT WESTMINSTER JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> 1838

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**1838**

mother-of-pearl  
needlecase

was this made for Queen Victoria's coronation with a crown etched at both ends of the case?

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**1838**

silver scissors

crowns below bows and Tudor rose on blades

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**1840**

there is no lettering on this thimble  
 facing profiles in cameos of Queen Victoria and Albert  
 with royal flowers on the verso & small royal flowers & a crown flanking the cameos  
 on very wide band  
 commemorates Victoria's marriage  
 sterling silver  
 with faceted rim

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**1840**

there is no lettering on this thimble  
 commemorates Victoria's marriage  
 images of Victoria and Albert facing each other across crown  
 royal flowers – shamrocks rose etc  
 sterling silver  
 child's size  
 unusual patterning at rim with similar royal flowers

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**1840**

no lettering on the thimbles  
 facing profiles in cameos of Queen Victoria and Albert  
 with royal flowers: rose thistle daffodil shamrocks & a crown  
 commemorates Victoria's marriage  
 sterling silver boxed sewing sets  
 consisting of matching thimble - emery - tape measure

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**1840**

ROYAL WEDDING VICTORIA ALBERT JULY 10 1840 BORN ...  
 with crown  
 commemorates Victoria's marriage  
 sterling silver  
 unusual patterning at rim

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**1840**

VICTORIA AND ALBERT  
 joint profiles in cameo of Queen Victoria and Albert  
 on very wide band  
 commemorates Victoria's marriage  
 sterling silver  
 with thistles, roses, shamrock & foliage supporting the cameos  
 2<sup>nd</sup> L: faceted rim

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**1840**  
 VICTORIA AND ALBERT  
 joint profiles in cameo of Queen Victoria and Albert  
 commemorates Victoria's marriage  
 with slightly different profiles  
 sterling silver  
 with royal flowers around band  
 faceted rim



**1840**  
 VICTORIA BORN MAY 24 1819  
 ALBERT BORN AUG<sup>ST</sup> 26 1819  
 MARRIED AT ST JAMES'S PALACE FEBY 10 1840  
 that last line is lettered around the rim  
 flanked by their profiles facing each other  
 commemorates Victoria's marriage  
 sterling silver  
 this thimble was recorded by Friend in 1988



**1840**  
 VICTORIA BORN MAY 24 1819  
 ALBERT BORN AUG<sup>ST</sup> 26 1819  
 MARRIED AT ST JAMES'S PALACE FEBY 10 1840  
 that last lettering is around the rim  
 flanked by their profiles facing each other  
 commemorates Victoria's marriage  
 sterling silver  
 original cardboard thimble box  
 lettered 'Nuptial thimble'



**1840**  
VICTORIA R TH ...  
with small crown & royal flowers  
commemorates Victoria's marriage  
sterling silver  
faceted rim



**1840**  
HEAVEN PROTECT OUR SOVEREIGN LADY  
around the rim  
commemorates the birth of Princess Victoria's eldest daughter Victoria  
with Victoria receiving a baby from a female figure  
with castle & trees on verso  
sterling silver  
baby's name is highlighted within a wreath in the 2<sup>nd</sup> photo from L  
lower: additional lettering ENGLAND'S HOPE  
this thimble was recorded by Friend in 1991



**1840**

LONG MAY SHE LIVE AND THE COUNTRY BE PROSPEROUS THE PRINCESS ROYAL BORN AT BUCKINGHAM  
PALACE NOV 21<sup>ST</sup> 1840

HEAVEN PROTECT OUR SOVEREIGN LADY

that last lettering is around the rim

commemorates the birth of Princess Victoria's eldest daughter Victoria [aka Vicky]

seated Britannia with a cherub-like child

sterling silver

this thimble was recorded by Friend in 1991

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**1840**

PRINCESS ROYAL BORN NOV 21 1840  
VICTORIA AND ALBERT FEB'Y 10, 1840

sterling silver

wriggle work or stylised leaf patterning

top: faceted rim

lowest: heavier rim – jewel missing from crown



**1841**

VICTORIA BORN MAY 24 1819

ASCENDED TO THE THRONE JUNE 20 1837

CROWNED JUNE 28 1838

MARRIED THE PRINCE ALBERT FEB 10 1840

THE PRINCESS ROYAL BORN NOV 21 1840

CHRISTENED AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE FEB 10 1841

commemorates the christening of Princess Victoria's eldest daughter Victoria  
on very wide band

the lettering is continuous to record the whole event including round the rim  
sterling silver

this thimble was recorded by Friend in 1993

no photo

**1841**

PRINCESS ROYAL 1841

commemorates Princess Victoria's new title  
brass

this thimble was recorded by Friend in 1988



**1841**

commemorates the birth of Prince Albert

Prince of Wales feathers

on very wide band

two cornucopias on verso with ICH DIEN

no other lettering on this thimble

sterling silver



**1841**

commemorates the birth of Prince Albert  
 Prince of Wales feathers  
 on medium band  
 two cornucopias on verso with ICH DIEN  
 no other lettering on this thimble  
 sterling silver



**1841**

commemorates the birth of Prince Albert  
 Prince of Wales feathers  
 on wide band  
 two cornucopias on verso with ICH DIEN  
 no other lettering on this thimble  
 sterling silver  
 faceted rim



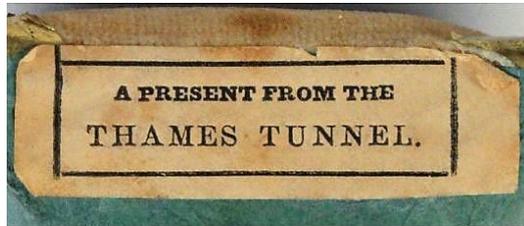
**1841**

PRINCE OF WALES OUR FUTURE HOPE  
 HEIR TO THE BRITISH THRONE BORN NOV. 9 1841  
 MAY BRITAINS HOPES BE REALISED  
 that last is lettered around the rim  
 commemorates the birth of Prince Albert  
 Prince of Wales feathers on verso  
 sterling silver  
 this thimble was recorded by Friend in 1993



**1841**

B<sup>N</sup> NOV<sup>R</sup> 9 1841  
 lettered around the rim  
 commemorates the birth of Prince Albert  
 applied Prince of Wales feathers with cartouche  
 sterling silver  
 this thimble was not recorded by Friend



**1841**

PRINCE OF WALES BORN NOV 1841  
handpainted velvet Pincushion with gold foil corners  
blue paper on verso with printed label  
A PRESENT FROM THE THAMES TUNNEL  
90mm square

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**1842**

HEIR TO THE BRITISH THRONE  
 BORN NOV 9th 1841  
 PRINCE OF WALES OUR FUTURE HOPE  
 CHRISTENED AT WINDSOR CASTLE JAN 25 1842  
 that last line is lettered around rim  
 commemorates the christening of Prince Albert  
 sterling silver  
 this thimble was not recorded by Friend



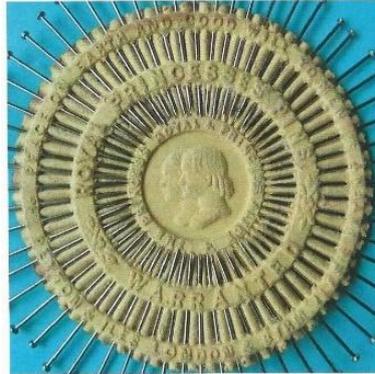
**1842**

VICTORIA & ALBERT  
 VISITED SCOTLAND  
 SEPT 1842  
 the raised lettering is read across - separated by a crown in relief  
 two bunches of thistles on verso  
 sterling silver  
 this thimble was recorded by Friend in 1991

no photo

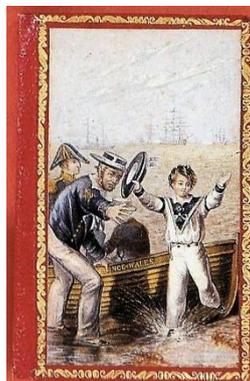
**1849**  
QUEEN'S VISIT TO IRELAND AUGUST 1849  
harps and shamrocks  
according to Aldridge an example housed by Museum of London

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**1849**  
Pinwheel [pins are not original]  
a raised picture in the self green cardboard of the wheel showing the Princesses  
ROYAL PRINCESSES PINS WARRANTED lettered in raised letters in a circle  
*Peyton & Iles*

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**1850-1858**  
Needlebook  
Baxter print with Prince Albert playing with HRH Prince of Wales

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**1858**

Pinwheel

a raised picture in the self pink cardboard of the wheel showing the wedding party commemorating the marriage PRINCESS ROYAL OF ENGLAND Frederick William PRINCE OF PRUSSIA ROYAL BRIDAL PINS lettered in raised letters in a circle

*Peyton & Iles*

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**1858**

Ormolu pinwheel

Baxter print of Queen Victoria

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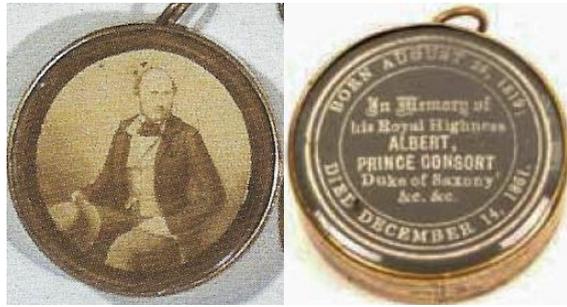
**1860s**

Needlebooks

Baxter Prints

THE ROYAL SET

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**1861**

Tape measure

BORN AUGUST 26. 1819-DIED DECEMBER 14, 1861

IN MEMORY OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS ALBERT, PRINCE CONSORT, DUKE OF SAXONY etc

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**1863**

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA BORN DEC. 1 1844 PRINCE OF WALES BORN NOV. 9 1841

commemorates the wedding of Princess Alexandra to Prince of Wales

with double head portraits

(the marriage took place on March 10 1863)

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**1876**

EMPERESS NEEDLE CASE

brass needlecase by *Richard Wyer* commemorating Queen Victoria becoming the Empress of India

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**1884**

Commemorative needlecase

cardboard and yellow silk with paper containers for needles inside – the larger needles are held in in the silk section. Significant dates from Victoria’s reign are lettered in gold around the edges



**1887**

JUBILEE V.R. 1887

lettered at rim

sterling silver

maker's mark *KT*

Birmingham 1886

this thimble was not recorded by Friend



**1887**

JUBILEE V.R. 1887

lettered at rim

sterling silver

*Charles May*

Birmingham 1886

this thimble was not recorded by Friend



**1887**

*Victoria Jubilee*

lettered in cursive at rim  
with an outline of a crown  
nickel silver

*Charles Iles*, with his maker's mark



**1887**

VICTORIA JUBILEE

raised lettering on band  
over striations  
brass

probably made by *Charles Iles*

this thimble was not recorded by Friend



**1887**

JUBILEE 1887

lettering on blue enamelled narrow band  
sterling silver (not marked)

this thimble was not recorded by Friend



**1887**

VR JUNE 1887

Is this a gold thimble a royal commemorative?  
the lettering is placed on an inverted shield  
this thimble was not recorded by Friend

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**1887**

QUEEN VICTORIA JUBILEE YEAR 1837-1887

*Clark & Co Anchor* semi-circular sewing cotton box  
decorated with monochrome prints of Balmoral and Windsor castles

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**1887**

QUEEN VICTORIA JUBILEE YEAR 1837-1887

*Clark & Co Anchor* rectangular sewing cotton box  
decorated with circular monochrome prints of Balmoral and Windsor castles

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**1887**

THE ROYAL JUBILEE 1887  
1837 VICTORIA 1887

*McKee Stanhope* peep image in a bone needlecase



**1897**

37 VR 97

in relief in three shields  
over striations

sterling silver with gold band

this thimble was not recorded by Friend



**1897**

37 VR 97

in relief in three shields  
with chain pattern over striations

*James Fenton*

Birmingham 1897

sterling silver

this thimble was not recorded by Friend



**1897**

CORONATION COMMEMORATION VICTORIA 1837-1897  
metal

probably made by *Charles Iles*

this thimble was not recorded by Friend



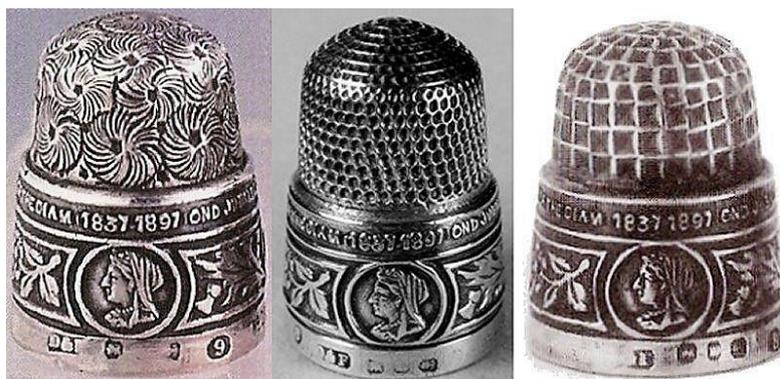
**1897**

IN COMMMORATION IF THE DIAM | 1837-1897 | OND JUBILEE OF QUEEN VICTORIA  
 the lettering is in relief in a band; the lower band has three roundels - a crown - Victoria's profile in old age - VR royal cypher; these are complemented by a rose for England, thistle for Scotland and shamrock for Ireland; sterling silver/9ct gold; there are also sterling silver & gilt versions; where the roundels are gilded; made by *Deakin & Francis [D&F]* and their maker's mark is lettered on the rim; the thimbles are not assayed (no hallmarks) but they are sized (7); the Registered design number R<sup>D</sup>295282 is lettered on the rim; the design was registered by the court jewellers and goldsmiths *Hamilton & Inches* of Princes Street, Edinburgh on 6 March 1897.

the example above has rare blackberry indentations

I understand that fraudulent sterling silver copies made their way onto the market in the 1990s - so buyer beware!!

From reading a 2001 article on these fakes in *At your Fingertips*, I understand that the fakes weigh 6.9grams whereas the originals weigh 6.3grams!!



**1897**

there are various designs and sizes (8 9 12) with different indentations  
 sterling silver

these examples are assayed for Birmingham 1897, with D&F marks

And now for something completely different – an 1897 commemorative - as above - but with different lettering!! Identical in all other aspects, this example is lettered and has assay marks  
 1837 COMMEMORATION 1897

There is speculation that this thimble was the forerunner for the actual Jubilee thimbles



**1897**

*D&F (Deakin & Francis) Birmingham 1897 size 7 R<sup>D</sup>295282 weight is 6.3gms*



**1897**

this 18ct version is also not assayed  
it bears the *H & I* mark for *Hamilton & Inches*, the thimbles' designers



**1897**

silver & gilt version



**1897**

the box for the gold version  
red leather bell-shaped box  
lettered BY APPOINTMENT on the inner lid  
with the Royal coat-of-arms  
b&w photo



**1897**

*Hamilton & Inches* Edinburgh box – gold version



**1897**

the box for the silver version  
lettered BY APPOINTMENT on the  
inner lid  
with the Royal coat-of-arms



**1897**

original presentation *Hamilton and Inches* box



**1897**

*William Avery's* commemorative brass Diamond Jubilee needlecases – Quadruple, Easel, Lap Desk, Oval Tub – three showing Victoria at the time of her coronation and in 1897. top R has no Jubilee dates



**1897**

In 1897 *The Singer Manufacturing Co* offered one hundred free giveaway commemorative Singer sewing machines to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. The drawer handles are gold and the 1837-1897 with QV's portrait is on the plate. Isn't it a beauty?



**1897**  
metal casket-shaped thimble case and chain  
with embossed floral ground all over

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**1897**  
Pinwheel  
H.M. QUEEN VICTORIA

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**1897**  
Pincushion  
handstitched velvet JUBILEE with crown

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**1897**  
Scissors

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**1897**

Pinwheel

handmade felt with embroidered crown

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**1897**

Pinsheet

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE FARTHING CHANGE 1837-1897

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*THE QUEEN'S RECORD REIGN NEEDLE CASE* COPYRIGHT

Four gilt portraits, one in each corner

R<sub>0</sub>291390 lettered on the inside band holding the needles

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THE "QUEEN'S RECORD" THIMBLE THE BEST OF ALL

Charles Iles  
metal

according to Thimble Society of London

this thimble was made to commemorate Queen Victoria's Jubilee

RD291339 is for the Queen's Record counter display case, registered by Charles Iles on 2 January 1897

**THE QUEEN'S RECORD THIMBLE**

Given the current vogue for commemorative thimbles, it is not every day that a new type of commemorative thimble is discovered which has been lying unrecognised. Most collectors know the Queen's Record thimble, the thimble which claims to be the best of all thimbles, but how many realise that this is in fact a Diamond Jubilee thimble? Not many obviously, since it would otherwise be recorded as such in books of reference and would certainly be more avidly collected. Yet that is precisely what the Queen's Record thimble is: A thimble commemorating Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897.

We do not pretend to know how the "Queen's Record" thimble came into being but suffice it to say that a firm calling itself Hirst Bros. from Oldham, Lancashire, and describing itself as a depot for tools, materials and sundries for jewellers etc., a wholesale distributor in fact, was advertising it in a trade magazine in 1897. The wording of the advertisement reads as follows:

VICTORIA DIAMOND JUBILEE

The latest and best Novelty

-Rd 291339-

Plush lined case, glass front	Gold blocked circular rim
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The "Queen's Record" 6<sup>th</sup> Thimble "The best of all"

Warranted silver-cased

On the face of it, therefore, the design of the Queen's Record Thimble was registered but as those fortunate enough to own one can easily check it does not carry a registered number. On investigation the registered number turns out to be that of a show case - a case for displaying thimbles - and not that of the thimbles themselves. Moreover the show case design was registered by Charles Iles. There can be little doubt, therefore, that Charles Iles made the Queen's Record thimbles either on their own account or on account of Hirst Bros. and that the latter, in an effort to give the thimble a semblance of exclusivity, associated with it the registered number of the display case. How far Charles Iles were involved in this deception it is impossible to say but those who think that hard selling methods are a modern development might be surprised at what went on last century. The important thing, however, is that the above advertisement provides proof that the Queen's Record thimble was definitely a commemorative. They can safely be reclassified as such and we have little doubt that in months to come they will become increasingly sought after.



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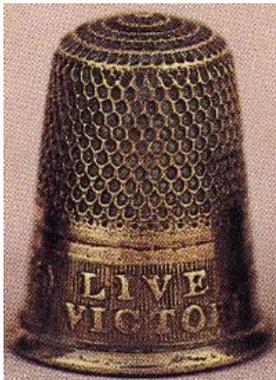
Henry Milward & Sons' brass needlecase

VICTORIA belt buckle

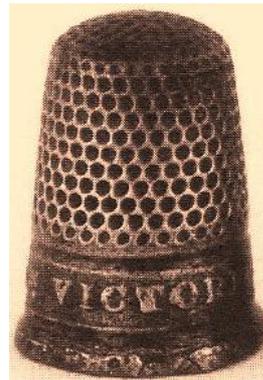


occasion unknown  
*William Avery* brass needlecase  
VICTORIA

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occasion unknown  
LONG LIVE QUEEN VICTORIA  
central rose & foliage on verso of band  
brass  
this thimble was not recorded by Friend



occasion unknown  
LONG LIVE QUEEN VICTORIA  
brass with patterned rim  
this thimble was not recorded by Friend

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occasion unknown  
LONG LIVE VICTORIA  
brass with patterned rim  
*Charles Iles*  
this thimble was not recorded by Friend

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occasion unknown  
VICTORIA  
with thicker ornately patterned rim  
sterling silver  
this thimble was not recorded by Friend

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occasion unknown  
VICTORIA lettered in relief  
with foliage & a crown  
faceted rim  
sterling silver  
this thimble was not recorded by Friend

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occasion unknown  
VICTORIA  
with garlands over striations on verso  
nickel plate?  
this thimble was not recorded by Friend

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occasion unknown  
VICTORIA  
with oak leaves and a crown over striations on verso  
sterling silver  
Rim with five rows of wavy lines  
this thimble was not recorded by Friend

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occasion unknown  
V R  
with a crown in between  
brass with its thimble holder  
this thimble was not recorded by Friend

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occasion unknown  
Needle packets  
showing portraits of Victoria not portrayed on thimbles

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occasion unknown  
THE ROYAL folding NEEDLE CASE  
*Henry Milward & Sons*

showing portraits of H.M. THE QUEEN – H.R.H THE PRINCE OF WALES – H.S.H. PRINCESS MARY  
H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF YORK



occasion unknown  
brass nanny brooch  
made in Germany

not dated but it has the 'DRGM 268036' registration lettered on the pin for 1905

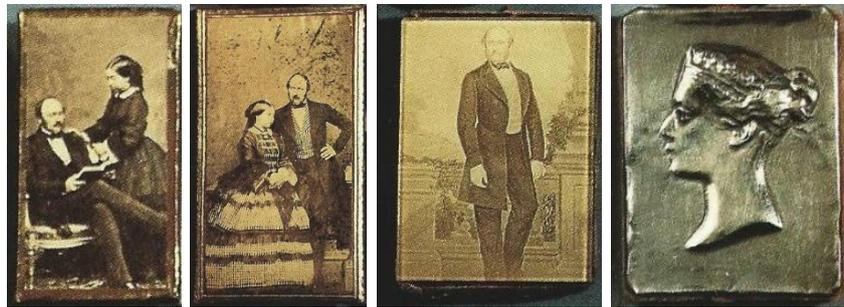


occasion unknown  
ROYAL VICTORIA NEEDLES



occasion unknown  
VICTORIA card of sized thimbles  
made in Barcelona, Spain  
*La Metalurgica Espanola S.A. Barcelona*

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occasions unknown  
various needlepackets featured Queen Victoria and Prince Albert

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date or occasion unknown  
Pinwheel  
a raised picture in the self green cardboard of the wheel showing Queen Victoria  
some original pins on right  
QUEEN'S PINS WARRANTED lettered in raised letters in a circle  
*Peyton & Iles*

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date or occasion unknown  
Bone spools of thread  
THE QUEEN'S ROYAL SEWING THREAD

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date or occasion unknown  
celluloid tape measure  
celluloid invented in 1848 so this is too late for her coronation or wedding

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date or occasion unknown  
workbox

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QV modern commemoratives or replicas



**1976**

*Peter Swingler*

handpainted enamel on sterling silver

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**1978**

handpainted by *Wendy Bowen* of Hurley Porcelain, USA  
as part of their HEROINES OF HISTORY series

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**1980**

*Wedgwood* jasperware

from Kings and Queens of England set

This set of 41 was commissioned by the Heritage Collection or Calhoun's Collectors Society Inc  
(Minneapolis, Minnesota USA)  
20,000 sets were produced

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**1980s**

pewter **replica**

*Stephen Frost/Warwick Models* - blackberry indentations  
there is a hole in the rim of these replicas to signify the reproduction



**1980s**

*Victoria 1840 Albert*

pewter replica

*Westair Reproduction*

the accompanying box gives the details of the **reproduction**  
but once separated this seems to be an 1840 thimble - NO!!

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**1984/1987**

*Victoria 1837-1901*

handpainted enamel on sterling silver

*Peter Swingle*

part of his KINGS AND QUEENS OF ENGLAND set

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**1986**

BIRTH OF PRINCE OF WALES 1841

sterling silver London

*Charterhouse Mint*

from a set of twelve replica thimbles, Thimbles through the Ages **reproductions**  
they are correctly hallmarked with their year of manufacture

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**1986**

CHRISTENING OF PRINCE OF WALES 1842  
sterling silver London  
*Charterhouse Mint*

from a set of twelve replica thimbles, Thimbles through the Ages **reproductions**  
they are correctly hallmarked with their year of manufacture

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**1987**

agateware

commemorating H.M. QUEEN VICTORIA 150 ANNIVERSARY JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> 1837-1987  
*Tony Bouchet*

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**1987**

*Philip D A Campbell*  
Tobermory Scotland  
*Throned 1937 VR*

150th anniversary of the accession of Queen Victoria 1837-1987  
sterling silver - Edinburgh

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**1987**

*Caverswall*

THE 150-ANNIVERSARY OF QUEEN VICTORIA'S CORONATION



**1987**

*Siegfried Flitsch*

silver-plated & enamel

150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY H.M QUEEN VICTORIA  
RULE BRITANNIA

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**1987**

*Royal Crown Derby*

pair of English bone china

QUEEN VICTORIA ACCESSION 20th JUNE 1837

PRINCE ALBERT CONSORT TO QUEEN VICTORIA 1840-1861

with gold George crosses on apex

limited to 5000 sets

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**1987**

*Sutherland*

The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of H.M Queen Victoria's Accession 1837-1987

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**1987**

*Woodsetton Peeps*

recreation of Queen Victoria's GOLDEN JUBILEE 1987  
peep shows Queen Victoria with three daughters

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**1987**

*Thimble Collectors Society*

Queen VICTORIA 150<sup>th</sup> anniv. Of her ascension 21<sup>st</sup> June 1837. 100<sup>th</sup> anniv. Of the Golden Jubilee

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**1989**

agateware

H.M QUEEN VICTORIA 1837-1901

*Tony Bouchet*

from the set of Monarchs of the 20<sup>th</sup> century

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**1992**

QUEEN VICTORIA

*Dunheved*

handpainted bone china *Sheila Whitcombe*  
limited edition of 350

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**1996**

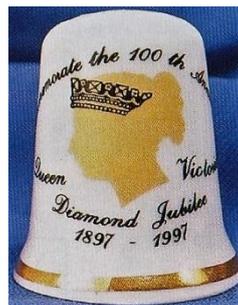
VICTORIA · DEI GRA · BRITT · REGINA · FID DEF · IND IMP.  
 (Victoria by the Grace of God Queen of the Britons, Defender of the Faith, Empress of India)  
*Swann Thimbles S(T) – Frank Jones*  
 sterling silver – Birmingham



**1996**

Christening of Prince of Wales 1842  
*Swann Thimbles S(T) – Frank Jones*  
 sterling silver - Birmingham

In 1995, Arthur Bell of The Thimble Guild won the original of this thimble in the Edwin Holmes collection' auction for £450  
 . "After months of expensive experimentation (today's tools, however expertly used, are not quite the same of those of the 1840s) Frank Jones has used his masterly skills to recreate this important commemorative ..."  
 limited to 450



**1997**

To commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee 1897 – 1997  
 china



**1997**  
*Swann Thimbles*

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**2001**  
THE END OF THE GLORIOUS REIGN OF QUEEN VICTORIA ONE HUNDRED YEARS 1901-2001  
*Woodsetton Peeps*  
black and blue lacquer on copper – with peep of Queen Victoria  
R: black lacquer with no copper rim or apex

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**2001**  
*Rachel Pugh*  
china  
from her set of Monarchs of the 20<sup>th</sup> century

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**2013**  
china  
Coronation of Queen Victoria 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary

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**2015**  
china

Coronation of Queen Victoria 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary

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**date unknown**

*Carol Ann Miniatures*  
handpainted pewter

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**date unknown**

*(Royal Collection shop, Buckingham Palace)*  
showing Queen Victoria's cypher  
fine bone china

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**date unknown**

L > R: *Francesca, Sutherland and Theodore Paul*  
handpainted china heads 1980s-1990s

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**date unknown**  
*Stephen Frost/Warwick Models*  
handpainted pewter

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**date unknown**  
VICTORIA 1819-1901  
*Peter Swingler*  
handpainted enamel on sterling silver

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**date unknown**  
Queen Victoria Prince Albert  
*Peter Swingler*  
handpainted enamel on sterling silver

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**date unknown**  
VICTORIA AND ALBERT  
Balmoral Castle  
1837-1901  
*Sutherland*  
heart-shaped china

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