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 cheerfuls" - 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.

<u>This topic complements two of Thimbleselect's earlier topics</u>
British Royalty on thimbles
Victorian silver scenic thimbles

1819
VICTORIA BORN MAY 24 1819
silver bodkin

1837
PRINCESS VICTORIA MAY 24 1837
commemorating her 18th 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
MANUFACD BY THE ORDER AND FOR USE OF HER MAJESTY AND THE ROYAL HOUSEHOLD APPOINTED 14TH 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

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

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

1838
QUEEN VICTORIA BORN MAY 24 1819
ASCENDED TO THE THRONE 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 THRONE 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

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

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

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

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

1838
VICTORIA CROWN'D JUNE 28TH 1838
commemorates Victoria's coronation
sterling silver

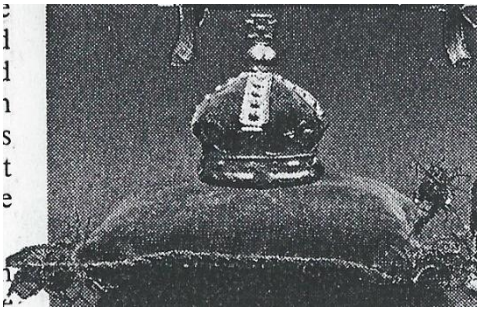
1838
VICTORIA CROWN'D JUNE 28TH 1838
commemorates Victoria's coronation
with profile portrait & royal flowers
patterned rim
sterling silver

1838
VICTORIA OUR HOPE
lettered within patterned garlands
commemorates Victoria's coronation
includes a crown
sterling silver
faceted rim

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
this thimble was recorded by Friend in 1988

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 19TH YEAR OF HER AGE – CROWNED AT WESTMINSTER JUNE 28TH 1838

1838
mother-of-pearl
needlecase
was this made for Queen Victoria's coronation with a crown etched at both ends of the case?

1838
silver scissors
crowns below bows and Tudor rose on blades

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

1840
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

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

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

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
2nd L: faceted rim

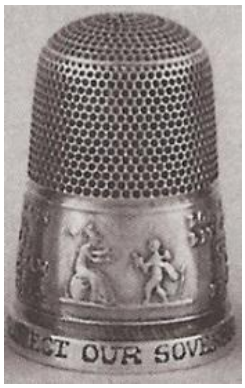
1840
VICTORIA AND ALBERT
joint profiles in cameo of Queen Victoria and Albert
commemorates Victoria's marriage
with slightly different profiles
sterling silver
with royal flowers around band
faceted rim

1840
VICTORIA BORN MAY 24 1819
ALBERT BORN AUGST 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 AUGST 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 2nd 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 21ST 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

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 THE THRONE JUNE 20 1837
CROWNED JUNE 28 1838
MARRIED PE 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

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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

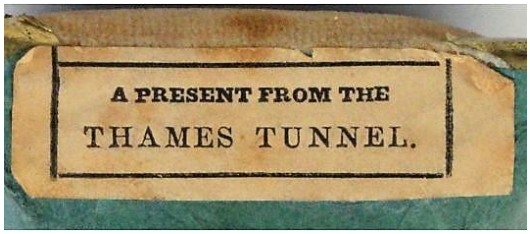
1841
commemorates the birth of Prince Albert
Prince of Wales feathers
on medium band
two cornucopias on verso with ICH DIEN
no other lettering on this thimble
sterling silver

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 REALIZED
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^{N} NOV^{R} 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

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

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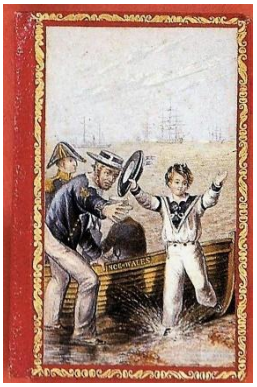
no photo

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

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



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

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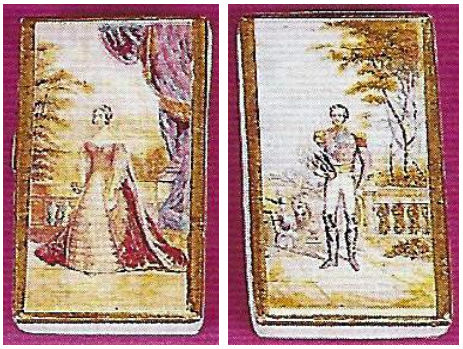
1858
Pinwheel
a raised picture in the self pink cardboard of the wheel showing the wedding party
commemorating the marriage PRINCESS ROYAL OF ENGLAND Frederick William PRINCE OF PRUSSIA
ROYAL BRIDAL PINS lettered in raised letters in a circle
Peyton & Iles

1858
Ormolu pinwheel
Baxter print of Queen Victoria



1860s
Needlebooks
Baxter Prints
THE ROYAL SET

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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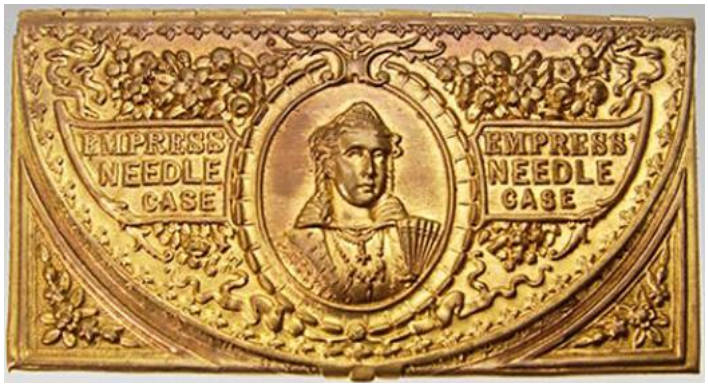
1863
PRINCESS ALEXANDRA BORN DEC. 1 1844 PRINCE OF WALES NORN NOV. 9 1841
commemorates the wedding of Princess Alexandra to Prince of Wales
with double head portraits
(the marriage took place on March 10 1863)



1876
EMPRESS 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

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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

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 $R^{D}295282$ 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^{D}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

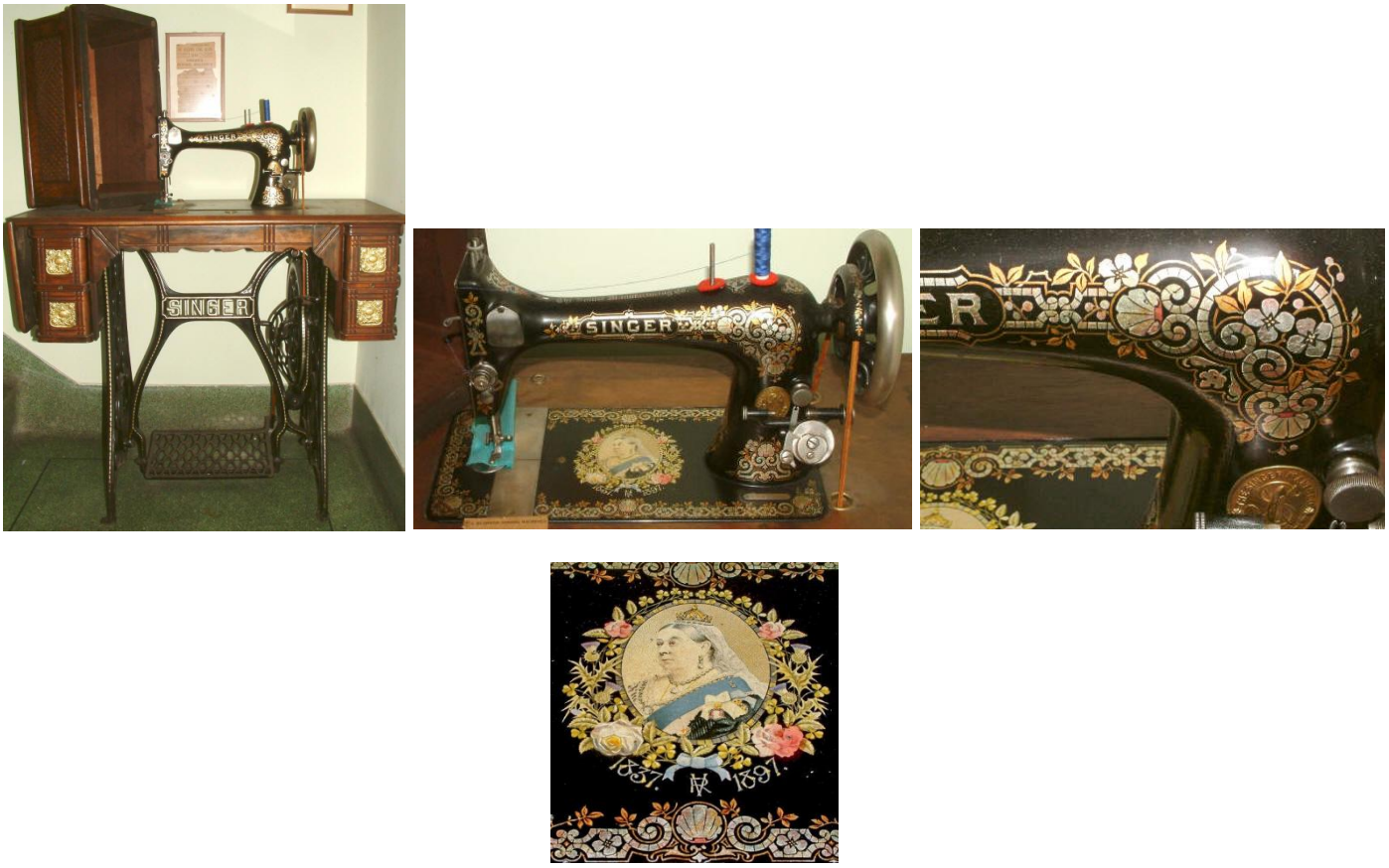
1897
Hamilton & Inches Edinburgh box – gold version

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

1897
Pinwheel
H.M. QUEEN VICTORIA

1897
Pincushion
handstitched velvet JUBILEE with crown

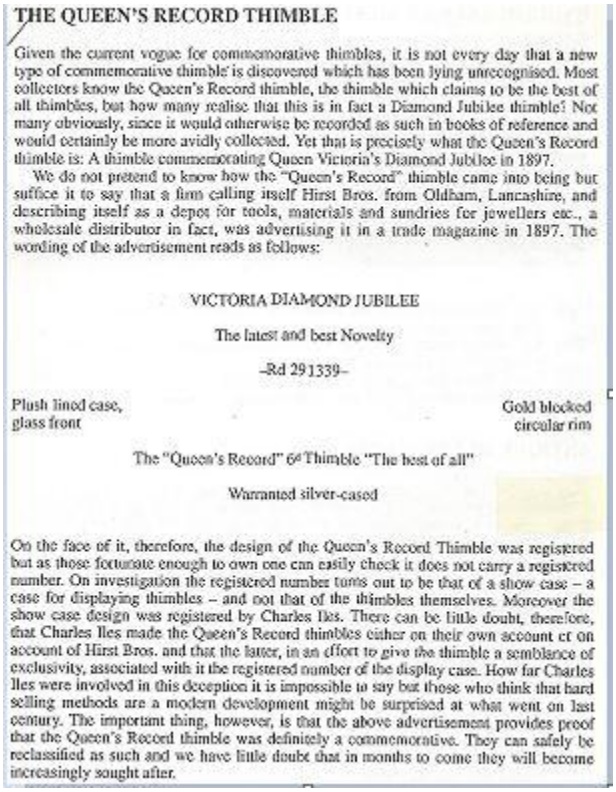
1897
Scissors

1897
Pinwheel
handmade felt with embroidered crown

1897
Pinsheet
THE DIAMOND JUBILEE FARTHING CHANGE 1837-1897

THE QUEEN'S RECORD REIGN NEEDLE CASE *COPYRIGHT*
Four gilt portraits, one in each corner
RD291390 lettered on the inside band holding the needles

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

The "Queen's Record" 6d 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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occasion unknown
Henry Milward & Sons' brass needlecase
VICTORIA belt buckle

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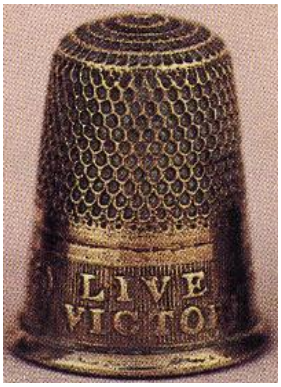
occasion unknown
William Avery brass needlecase
VICTORIA



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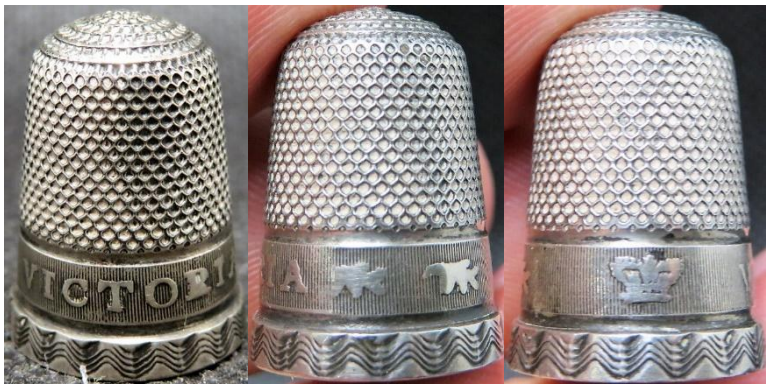
occasion unknown
VICTORIA
with garlands over striations on verso
nickel plate?
this thimble was not recorded by Friend



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

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occasion unknown
brass nanny brooch
made in Germany
not dated but it has the 'DRGM 268036' registration lettered on the pin for 1905

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occasion unknown
ROYAL VICTORIA NEEDLES

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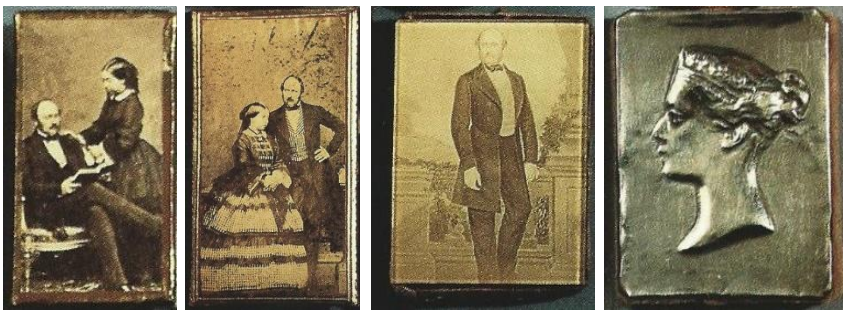
occasion unknown
VICTORIA card of sized thimbles
made in Barcelona, Spain
La Metalurgica Espanola S.A. Barcelona



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

QV modern commemoratives or replicas

1976
Peter Swingler
handpainted enamel on sterling silver

1978
handpainted by *Wendy Bowen* of Hurley Porcelain, USA
as part of their HEROINES OF HISTORY series

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

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!!

1984/1987
Victoria 1837-1901
handpainted enamel on sterling silver
Peter Swingler
part of his KINGS AND QUEENS OF ENGLAND set

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

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

1987
agateware
commemorating H.M. QUEEN VICTORIA 150 ANNIVERSARY JUNE 20TH 1837-1987
Tony Bouchet

1987
Philip D A Campbell
Tobermory Scotland
Throned 1937 VR
150th anniversary of the accession of Queen Victoria 1837-1987
sterling silver - Edinburgh

1987
Caverswall
THE 150-ANNIVERSARY OF QUEEN VICTORIA'S CORONATION

1987
Siegfried Flitsch
silver-plated & enamel
150TH ANNIVERSARY H.M QUEEN VICTORIA
RULE BRITANNIA

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
L [1987]

1987
Sutherland
The 150th Anniversary of H.M Queen Victoria's Accession 1837-1987

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

1987
Thimble Collectors Society
Queen VICTORIA 150th anniv. Of her ascension 21st June 1837. 10oth anniv. Of the Golden Jubilee

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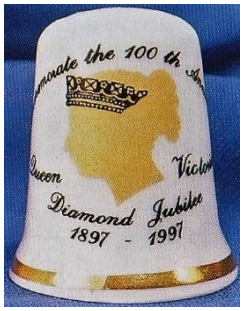
1989
agateware
H.M QUEEN VICTORIA 1837-1901
Tony Bouchet
from the set of Monarchs of the 20th century

1992
QUEEN VICTORIA
Dunheved
handpainted bone china *Sheila Whitcombe*
limited edition of 350

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 100th anniversary Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee 1897 – 1997
china

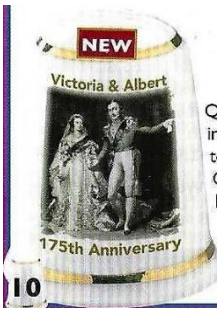
1997
Swann Thimbles

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

2001
Rachel Pugh
china
from her set of Monarchs of the 20th century

2007
VICTORIA
1837-1901
Ray Nimmo
sterling silver

2013
china
Coronation of Queen Victoria 175th anniversary



2015
china
Coronation of Queen Victoria 175th 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 cipher
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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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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VICTORIA AND ALBERT
Balmoral Castle
1837-1901
Sutherland
heart-shaped china

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